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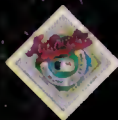




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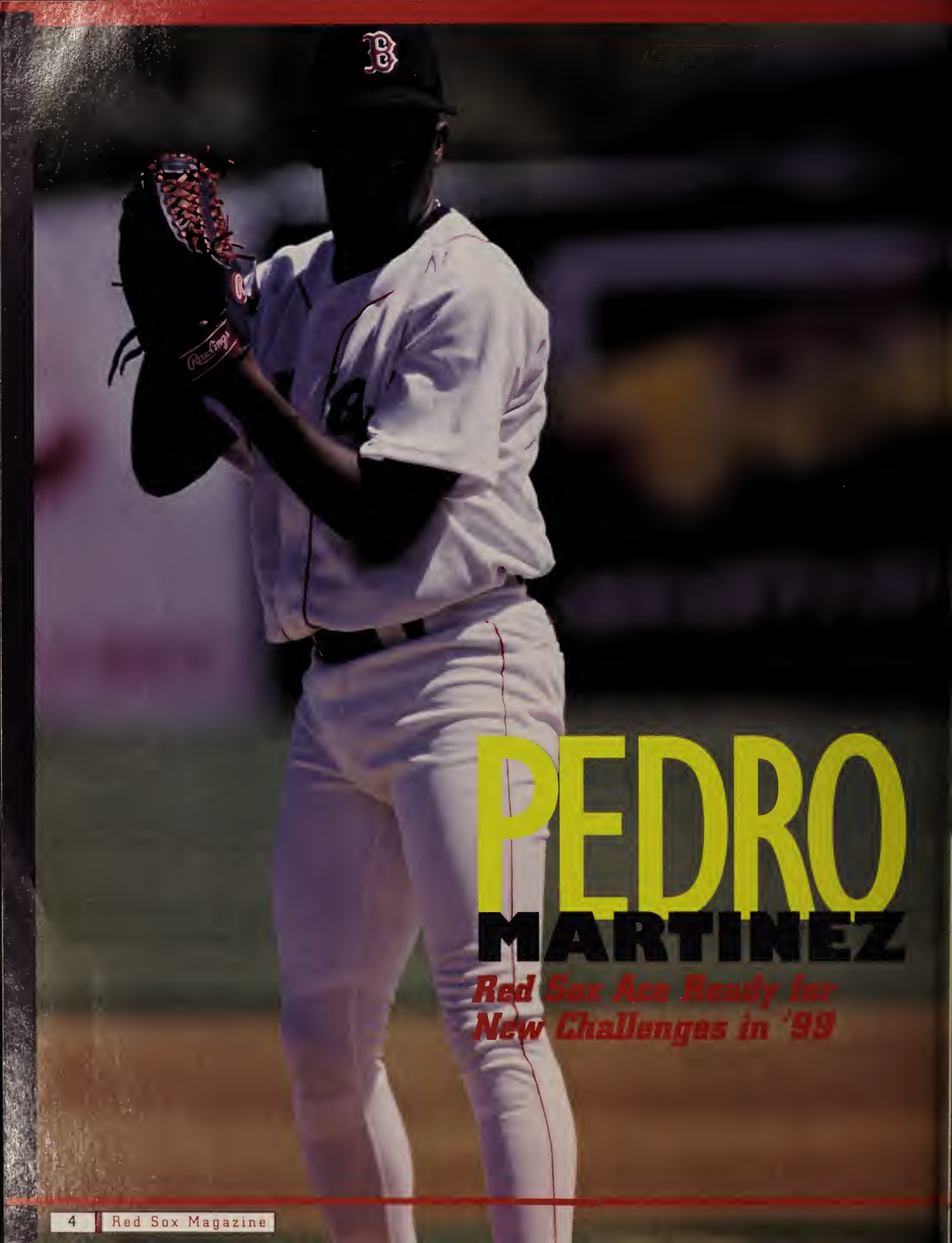
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"I think Pedro will have an even better year this year," said Red Sox Pitching Coach Joe Kerrigan. "He is settled down now, he knows what to expect. He'll know the hitters better, know the ballparks better in the American League, just being familiar with the surroundings I think will make him more comfortable."

The hard-throwing righthander from the Dominican Republic certainly looked pretty comfortable in his initial season in a Red Sox uniform. He struck out 11 in his seven innings in a 2-0 shutout of the Oakland A's on Opening Night and beat the Indians at Jacobs Field in Game One of the Division Series in October.

"It was a great experience for me," Martinez said. "I had my first chance to go to the playoffs. I'm really pleased with that. That was my main goal after coming over from Montreal."

"I started off really good and then I felt a little sick...that was probably my low, after that I think everything was positive."

According to both Kerrigan and Manager Jimmy Williams, Pedro is playing down that "little sick" part.

Martinez came down with a stomach disorder in Detroit in late May. It has since been taken care of with medication, but Kerrigan says the illness threw Pedro for a loop for about a month.

"He lost seven or eight pounds," Kerrigan said. "Well, Pedro losing seven or eight pounds is like you or me losing 15 to 20 pounds. I think it affected him for four or five starts. It took him awhile to get his strength back and get back on track."

"He probably shouldn't have pitched, but he took the ball," said Williams.

"Every time it was his turn to take the ball, he took it regardless of how he felt. It took him awhile to get back to where he was at the onset. With that in mind you say, well, you are going to go to war with this guy, because he is always going to be there for you, and with you, and back you. To me that's really important when it comes to the team aspect of being a player – a very impressive pitcher!"



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Kerrigan, who was also Pedro's pitching coach in Montreal from 1994-96, said there is no question that Martinez had a very good year last year but also thinks it was a learning experience.

"I think it was a big adjustment for him," stated Kerrigan, "a big baseball cultural adjustment that he had to make coming from the market, such as it is, in Montreal to New England where the passion and the love of the game is so great."

Pedro found that out in a hurry. Fenway was always nearly full when Martinez took the mound. And there was a Latin feel in the air complete with plenty of flags from the Dominican Republic.

"It's electric when he pitches," said Kerrigan. "There is a special atmosphere in the ballpark – and he likes it! He thrives off that! He kind of gets into the flow of the game with the crowd."

It really doesn't take much to get Martinez ready to pitch. He likes to laugh and joke between starts and is a colorful figure in the clubhouse, but when it is his turn to pitch, he is all business. Pedro is an intense competitor, and despite his slight build (5-11, a generous 170) has an intimidating presence on the mound.

According to Jimmy Williams, Pedro is "certainly one of the premier pitchers in baseball today. He loves to pitch, and I really enjoy watching him compete out there."

What makes Martinez so tough?

"Number one he's got the great natural talent," his pitching coach declared. "I mean he's got a great arm."

"He's got a great fastball. But THAT changeup is the most devastating pitch that I've seen in all my years in baseball. It is just thrown with such great velocity of arm action that you really can't pick it up. You've got no clue it's coming, and when he does throw it, it has a screwball reaction to it. So it is not only a great changeup as far as changing speeds off



the fastball, it has tremendous action to it. It goes down and away from lefthanders, and he has the ability to make it go straight down against righthanders."

It was suggested to Kerrigan that from the broadcast booth it seems sometimes that even if you are thinking changeup, you can't hit it.

"Yeah, Matt Stairs told me last year when we played Oakland," Kerrigan agreed. "He said he was sitting on it every pitch his first two at-bats – just waiting, waiting, waiting...just took every other pitch out of his mind and still couldn't hit it."

What Pedro gives the Sox is one of the toughest commodities to come by in Major League Baseball – a true #1 starter. A genuine ace of the staff.

"When you have them, you're very fortunate," said Kerrigan. "Because everyone else can be settled into their proper role. Everybody can pitch within their own framework."

"They're very difficult to find, to say the least. There really aren't very many around," Williams said. "We'll certainly take the one we have and ride that horse when he goes out there, because it's a lot of fun for me to watch him pitch and be successful."

For his part, Pedro is ready for the sequel. Now that he has a year under his belt at Fenway, he said he enjoyed last year and now would like to take things a little further.

"Boston has great tradition," Martinez declared. "The fans have been great. They support us during the bad moments. They have always been there. Too bad we couldn't give them more than we achieved, but there are more years coming up and hopefully for the next five or six years, we'll be there."

And when that happens, there may be more than one Martinez with the Sox. On March 11, the Red Sox signed Pedro's older brother, Ramon, to

a minor league contract. The 31-year-old righthander spent the last 11 years with Los Angeles compiling a highly impressive 123-77 career record. His 1998 season was cut short when he underwent surgery for a torn right rotator cuff in June. If all goes well in his rehab, the former Dodger ace could soon be revving up the fans in Boston in much the same fashion as his younger brother.

"I don't have an exact date yet, but I feel very good. I don't have any questions about the shoulder. I know I will be back, and I will be back at 100 percent," said the 31-year-old former Dodger ace.

Clearly excited about the prospect of playing on the same team as his brother, Ramon also cited the mutual benefits. "Pedro and I talked about a lot of things. He pitched in the American League last year, and he's got to help me with scouting reports. I can learn a lot from him. We're going to help each other."



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**Age:** 30

**Born:** November 11, 1968, San Pedro de Macoris, D.R.

**Ht.:** 6-0; **Wt.:** 190

**Bats:** Both; **Throws:** Right

**Home:** Toluca Lake, CA

Originally signed by Los Angeles, July 24, 1986 as a non-drafted free agent.

Signed by Red Sox as a free agent November 13, 1998.

**Major League Experience:**

Los Angeles (1990-95); Kansas City (1996-98)

**In 1998:**

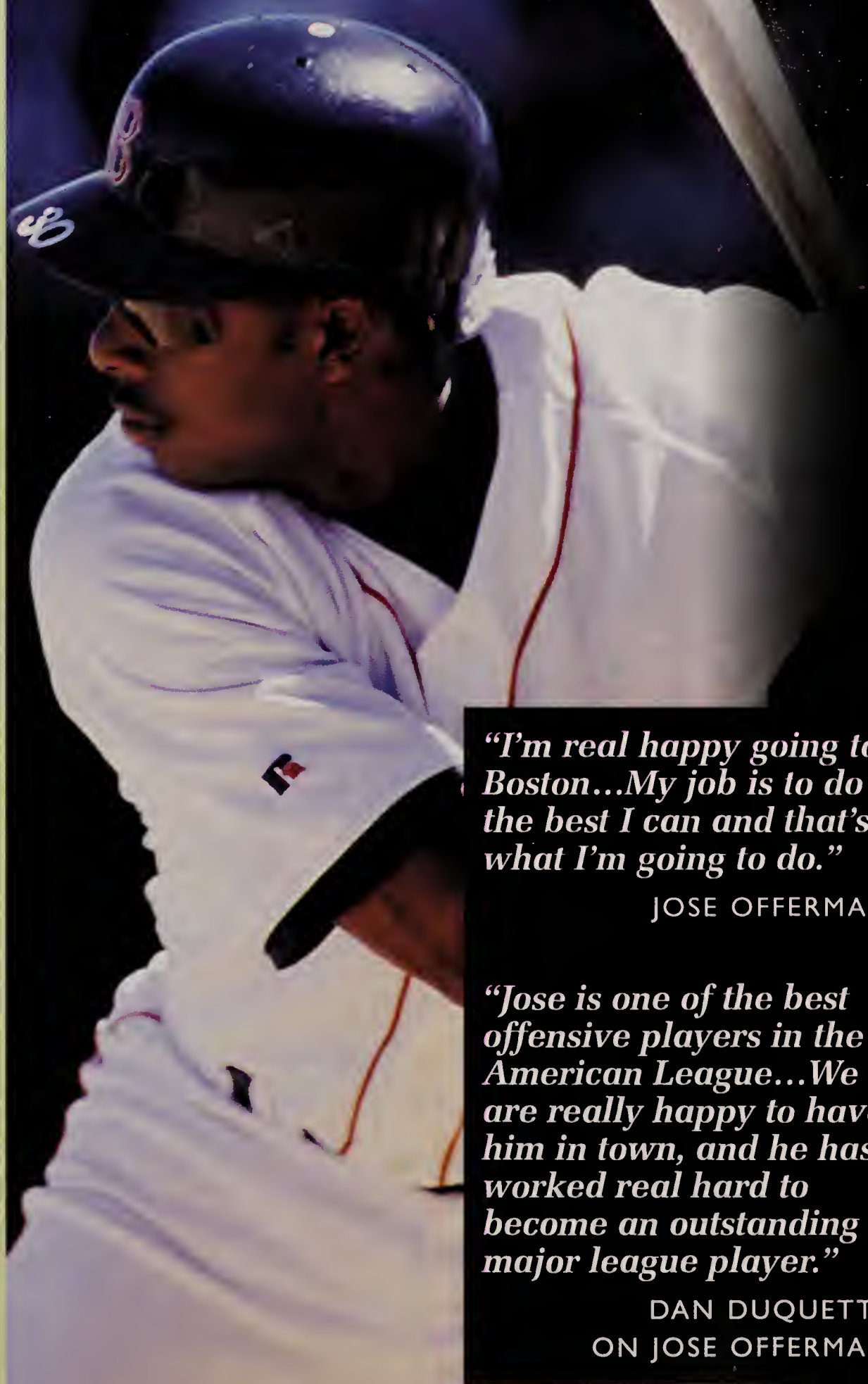
- Set career highs in games (158), batting avg. (.315, 13th in A.L.), AB (607), hits (191, 7th in A.L.), runs (102), home runs (7), RBI (66), and stolen bases (45, 5th in A.L.).
- Led M.L. in triples and ranked 2nd in A.L. in singles (143), 5th in on-base pct. (.403), and 10th in A.L. with a 79% stolen base pct.
- Became first Royal to lead M.L. in triples since Willie Wilson in 1988.
- Opened the season 0-4, then hit safely in 9 consecutive games April 1-11 (.436) & 17 of 18 games April 1-21 (.367).
- Collected 100th career stolen base April 20 at Seattle.
- Had a career-high 27-game hit streak from July 11-August 7 (45-103 .457, 22 R, 15 RBI). The streak was the 3rd longest in the A.L. in '98 & 2nd longest in Royals history (G. Brett, 30 G, 1980).
- Batted .373 (38-102) w/18 R in July & .333 (36-108) w/19 R, 14 RBI, 14 SB in August earning him Royals Player of the Month for July and August.
- Batted .349 (29-83) with 16 runs in September.
- Made 152 starts, all at 2B (2nd in A.L.)

**Career Highlights:**

- Became full-time 2nd baseman for Royals for the 1st time in his M.L. career in 1997.
- Led team in G (151), AB (561), R (85), H (170), TB (234), 2B (33), 3B (8), & BB (74) in 1996.
- Selected to 1995 N.L. All-Star team and played 2B in 9th inning.
- Was opening day shortstop for Dodgers in 1992.
- Made an impressive M.L. debut, homering off Montreal's Dennis Martinez in his 1st major league at-bat, August 19, 1990.

**Personal/Background:**

- Married to Alexis and they have two children: Joseann (5) and Jealynn (1 1/2).
- Attended Colegio Biblico Cristiano in the Dominican Republic where he also played basketball and volleyball.



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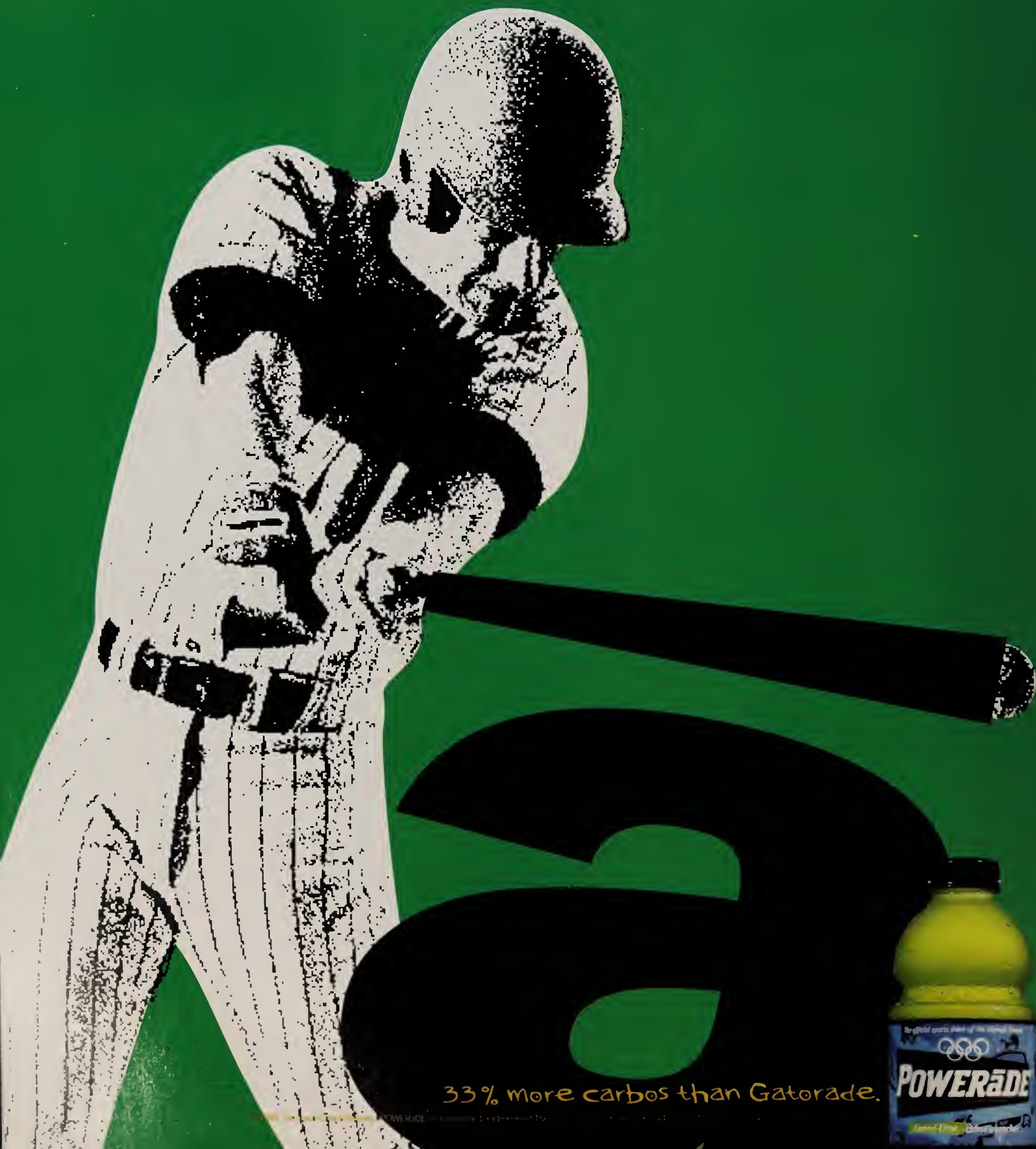
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# VALENTIN

**T**hird baseman John Valentin never set his sights on becoming the ranking member in the Red Sox clubhouse.

Then again, he never set out to be a third baseman, either.

Had Nomar Garciaparra not come along, Valentin might still be scooping balls at shortstop. Had Tim Lincecum not suffered a freakish, debilitating injury, Valentin might still be playing second base – or playing in some other city.

Attribute it to baseball in the 90s, chalk it up to twists of fate, or credit it to Valentin's versatility. Any way you look at it, John Valentin has become a Fenway fixture – whatever position he plays in the infield, wherever he bats in the lineup.

"I didn't plan on playing shortstop for the rest of my life," Valentin said. "You try to play the position you want to play for as long as you can. Unfortunately, people sometimes make decisions for you before you're ready."

Valentin wasn't necessarily ready to switch to second base when Garciaparra was prepared to make his mark as a major league shortstop. Nor was he ready to flip over to third when Lincecum went down.

But he was willing.

"If certain guys wouldn't have gotten hurt the last couple of years. I probably wouldn't be here. But I'm happy at third. I'm getting too old for shortstop, anyway," he says with a smile.

"I figured I would go to second before I went to third – and I did go to second. I just didn't stay that long. You can't really tell why things happen the way they happen."

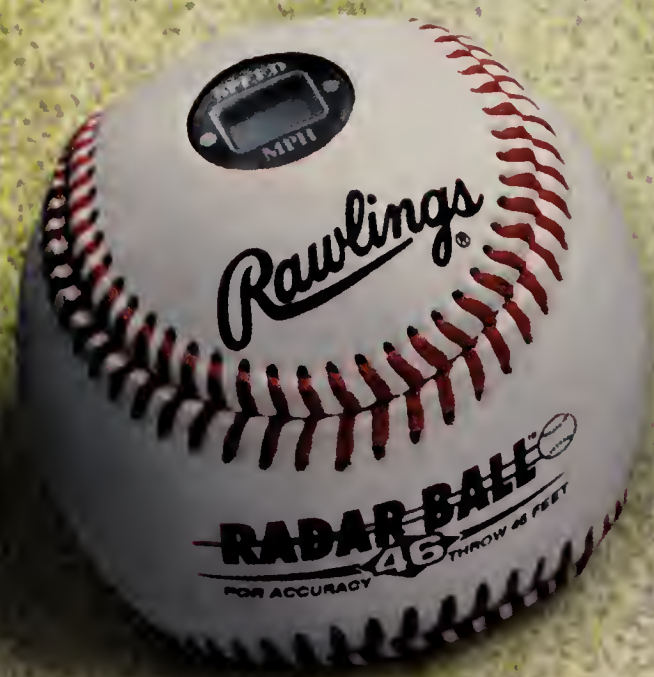
No, you can't tell ... Just like you can't tell that John Valentin has been a third baseman for less than two seasons.

"I've had a chance to watch him make some plays out there that are just unbelievable," said Manager Jimy Williams. "I think he's really settled in. He's a very, very good third baseman – above very, very good."

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How good? Well, from July 5 until Sept. 20 of last season, Valentin played 65 consecutive games without committing an error. Many think he, not Robin Ventura, should have received the American League Gold Glove Award at third.

"I took it as a challenge," said Valentin, who got his first taste of life at the hot corner in September, 1996, when Naehring was hurt. "I've been a little bit surprised at how well I've played over there, but I'm happy about how I've performed.

"I've gotten insight from several people about playing there. Jimmy (Williams) has helped me. Frank Malzone and I talked about third base philosophies. When he talks, I try to soak in as much as I can.

"Actually, it hasn't been all that difficult for me, being on the same left side that I've always been on. The ball's coming at me in basically the same way



On Thursday, February 11, 1999, Valentin participated in the second annual Jimmy Fund Tower Power Stair Climb fund raiser. Valentin, honorary chairman of the event, was joined by more than 30 Dana-Farber staff members and over 500 other participants in climbing up to 99 floors each in the 53, 60 and 75 State Street buildings to raise money for the Jimmy Fund. Valentin, seen here reaching the top of 60 State Street, personally shook hands with each climber who reached the top of the building. Photo by Steve Gilbert.

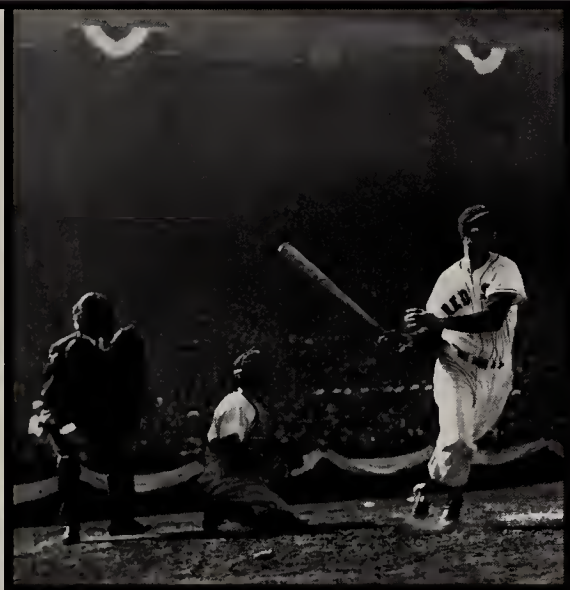
as it does at shortstop. I just have a little bit less time to react."

Williams appreciates Valentin's willingness to adapt and his grittiness. He's seen Valentin get over his initial reluctance about changing positions and seen him attempt to play through hand and wrist miseries.

"One story," Williams relates. "He got hit by a fastball on the right elbow and had to come out of a game. He really got smoked. The next day, I said: 'What do you need, another day or two?' He said: 'Wait a minute now. Let me see how this is.' He played that very night and got three hits.

"He's very tough, mentally. He's out there to help our team win, and he takes a lot of pride in his ability to play every day. It seems the bigger the game, the better he plays."

Valentin doesn't have to convince the Cleveland Indians of that after going 7 for 15, batting .467 with three walks in the Divisional Playoff Series.



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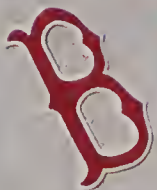


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It seems hard for Valentin to accept that he's been in a Red Sox uniform longer than any of his current teammates. He's beginning his eighth season in Boston, having been in the organization since 1988.

Compound that with the fact that Valentin's contract negotiations haven't always been as smooth as his fielding, and even he raises his eyebrows to the strangeness of it all.

Ironically, it took the departure of Mo Vaughn – his teammate since college days at Seton Hall – to establish Valentin as the player with the most time in the Boston clubhouse. Now, Valentin is signed through 2001 with an option for 2002 and a chance to be the rarest of breeds: a player who spends his entire career in the same uniform.

Valentin thought Vaughn had a chance to be one of those exceptions. Of all the Red Sox, he may notice Vaughn's absence the most. After all, Vaughn has been on the receiving end of his throws for a very long time.

"Obviously, this year's going to be different without Mo," he said. "I've played with him since college. Mo will be missed. I'm definitely going to miss him. I wish him well. He's a good friend of mine. I hope he plays well for them. I'm sure he will, and I'm sure he'll be determined to have the best year of his career for the Angels. Hopefully, he doesn't get any hits against us, but I wish him well."

"We've just got to move on. I'm hoping we can put it behind us. How we play will determine that. If we play well (the Vaughn issue) will be gone. If we don't, it will be with us for the whole year or until we get someone who puts up the numbers he puts up."

Valentin hopes he can help in that regard.

"Now that we're missing his 40 home runs and 100-something RBI, I think everyone has to raise their level of game to be able to cover that. Am I going to try to hit more home runs? Basically,



I'm just going to try to do what I do best and hopefully be productive. Obviously, I was disappointed with my average last year. It was a difficult year at times, trying to get my average to where I thought it should be."

After batting .306 and leading the league with 47 doubles in 1997, Valentin had raised his career average to .296. But 1998 was a struggle. He hit .247, and although he homered 23 times and drove in 73 runs, his RBI total was a far cry from the 102 runners he delivered in 1995. A notoriously slow starter, Valentin never recovered after hitting just .216 in May last year.

"It's a very important thing for me, as well as for this ball club, to get off to a good start," he said. "I think I've matured enough to handle it a lot better. I've always pressured myself to do well. When you don't get the hits, you start to press. I'm not going to do that. When I'm relaxed, things happen."

A career .333 hitter with the bases loaded, Valentin can be deadly when he's locked in. He's had 11 multiple-homer games, including a three-homer

game against Seattle in 1995.

"He's got power," Williams said. "And he certainly has the capabilities to hit for high average at this level."

He also has the knack of being at the right place at the right time. In 1994, he became the 10th player in major league history to produce an unassisted triple play. In '96, he became the 19th Red Sox player to hit for the cycle.

Once Valentin feasted on left-handed pitching. Now, he hits right-handers just as well. He went into the season with a career average of .287 against both lefties and righties. "Early in my career, I hit lefties really well. But they've made adjustments to me. Now they try to work both sides of the plate, throwing a lot of off-speed pitches to me."

During his career, Valentin has hit from top to bottom in the batting order. He says it doesn't matter where he bats, but it can affect him when he's shuffled around.

"Wherever Jimmy decides to put me, if he leaves me there, I think I can be productive," said Valentin, who scored a

***"I've been a little bit surprised at how well I've played over there, but I'm happy about how I've performed."***



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Valentin with some of the participants in the Jimmy Fund Tower Power Stair Climb. Photo by Steve Gilbert.

career-high 113 runs last season, despite his difficulties at the plate. "I don't think it's a matter of feeling more comfortable in a certain spot. Whatever spot I'm put in, I think I need to stay there. The juggling around is difficult to do, depending who's hitting in front of you and who's hitting behind you.

"If you're able to stay in one spot, whether it's the 2-3-5-6, you can somewhat come out of it. Where you hit affects how you're getting pitched to. Trying to make adjustments every day to be productive sometimes messes with your mechanics."

Valentin has been around long enough to see what adjustments have to be made. Not that he's over the hill by any stretch. He's 32, quite possibly entering the prime of his career. "I feel I've got some really good years ahead of me," he said.

He also realizes that with veteran status comes responsibility. "Just being an older player, and somewhat of a veteran here, I can give a taste of what to expect to everybody who hasn't been here that long and help them with the way things work around here," he said.

"On the field, I've always taken control in a sense. I can't imagine not being a leader. I'll do my share. It's just a natural process that a lot of older guys

are going to be leaders. I think my approach, without Mo in the clubhouse, will have to be a little different. It's not something I don't want to do. It's basically whatever I can do to help. I have the most experience in a Boston uniform, and I'll do whatever I can."

When Valentin signed his current contract, he gave several personal reasons for deciding to remain in Boston, among them his appreciation for Fenway Park, his enjoyment of the Boston area and his commitment to the Jimmy Fund.

"Basically, I've been involved with the Jimmy Fund for seven years now," said Valentin, a major player in fundraising efforts. "This was the second year I've been involved with their Power Stair Climb in which people climb 99 flights of stairs. Last year we had two buildings in Boston. This year we expanded it to three. People are very excited about it. They had fun doing it.

"It's all about raising money for a great foundation. Cancer research is important work. It's a great feeling when you visit the hospital to be able to see kids as optimistic as they are. You just try to make them feel better. Whatever money you can raise, that's the key to it."

In 1998 Valentin was selected as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Leaders

(TOYL) by the Boston Jaycees. This prestigious honor, that began in 1952, is awarded to individuals for their professional achievements, personal development and community service. Previous Red Sox TOYL award recipients have been Jimmy Piersall, 1954; Carl Yastrzemski, 1968; Jim Rice, 1979; and Dan Duquette, 1996.

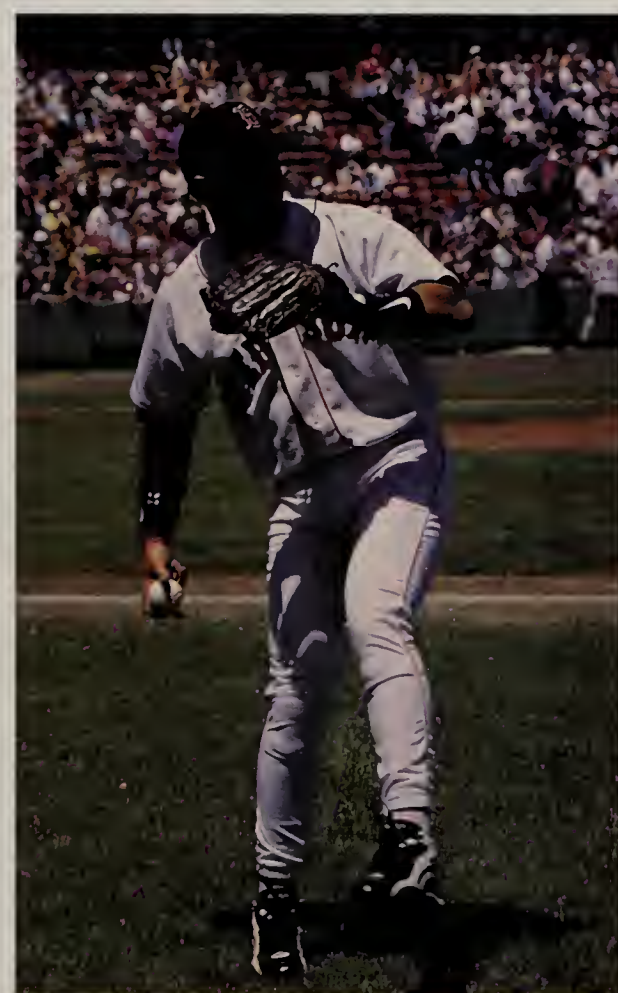
On the field, does Valentin expect the Red Sox to face a different kind of uphill climb?

"We have some more pitching depth, and we played well last year," he said. "We were picked to finish in fourth place a year ago. We played well because we had good pitching and played good defense – much better defense than we did in the past.

"We scored runs. Before the season started, people said we needed a right-handed power guy. We never really got that guy, but we still won 92 games. We surprised a lot of people. Will that happen again? Can it happen again? You never know."

That's something that veteran/team leader/third baseman John Valentin has come to realize. You never do know what's going to happen. ■

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# TED WILLIAMS

**F**ans were primed for his arrival. There had been anticipation in the press from the 1938 season in Minneapolis, where he'd won the Triple Crown. Then he'd torn up spring training in 1939 with the Red Sox. Eagerly anticipated by baseball writers, who knew he would be a great hitter and great copy to boot, Ted Williams came as advertised and did not disappoint.

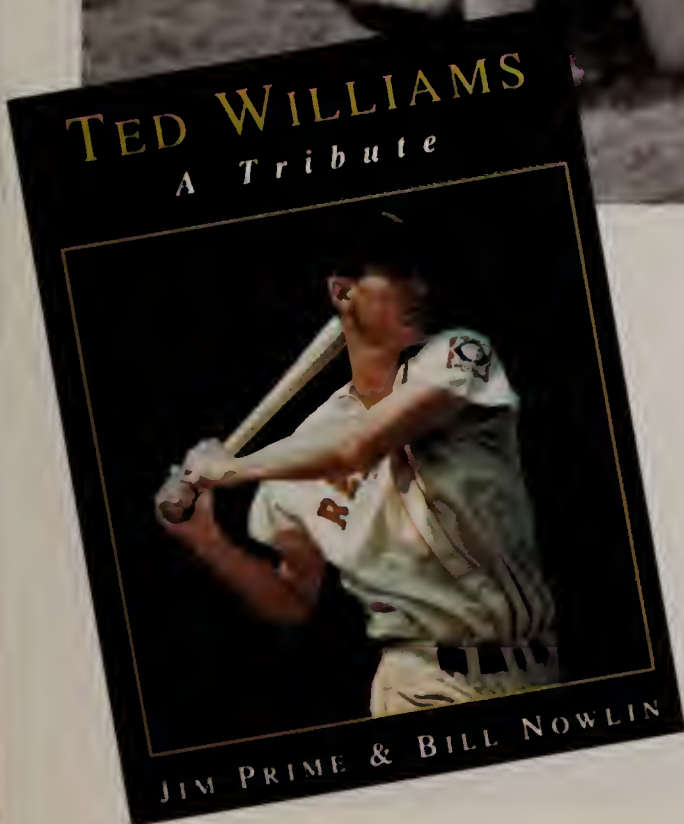
Indeed, contemporary newspaper coverage of the home opener said that Williams got the biggest hand of anyone in his first at-bat, and had the most mail waiting for him in the clubhouse. He was already given the name "Slugger," and "fans shouted his new name at Ted every time he came up."

Ted set several rookie records in '39 which have never been equaled, such as his 145 RBI which led the league, a full 19 more than the veteran Joe DiMaggio, who came in second that year. Rookies are not always known for their plate discipline, yet Ted walked 107 times to post another all-time rookie mark.

For the next six decades, Ted Williams — the kid from California — has been a name to be reckoned with in Boston. Williams is considered by many "the greatest hitter ever."

Ted also became known for his work with the Jimmy Fund. With a relationship dating back to 1947, the year before it even came to be called the "Jimmy Fund," it is the longest relationship of any celebrity with any charity, other than Bob Hope's association with the USO.

Now he even has a tunnel named after him. Williams was a "four decade player" - his career ranging from 1939 through the 40s and 50s up through the dramatic home run he powered out in his final at-bat in September 1960. He also managed to serve twice in the military with the Navy and the Marines, and is a combat flight veteran, having flown nearly 40 missions over Korea,



*Sixty years ago, in April 1939, 20-year-old Ted Williams burst onto the Boston baseball scene.*



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quite a few of them as John Glenn's wingman.

The year "The Kid" broke in - 1939 - was a watershed year in baseball. When he first took the field, April 20 in Yankee Stadium, it was actually the first major league game Williams had ever witnessed, much less played in. It was also the only time Williams and Lou Gehrig shared the field; the game was the 2123rd of Gehrig's streak of 2130 consecutive games played - just a short time before the "Iron Horse" hung up his spikes for good. In that day's game were 10 future Hall of Famers: Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio, Jimmie Foxx, Lefty Grove, Bobby Doerr, Joe Cronin, Bill Dickey, Red Ruffing, Joe Gordon and Ted. Lefty Gomez was present, but did not see action.

Ted doubled in his first game, and he also caught a drive off Gehrig to end an inning. His first time up, Ted struck out against Ruffing, but he was said to have remarked, "He throws me that pitch again, and I'll hit it out of the park." His very next time up, Ted blasted a double off the right-center-field wall, just missing a home run.

In his second game, the Sox home opener, Ted collected a single. His third game, he both doubled and singled.

It was during his fourth game, on April 23, 1939, that Ted truly broke out. It was a rough, cold and damp day, and only 12,000 were on hand. Ted came up in the first inning, with two runners on base, facing Philadelphia's Luther "Bud" Thomas, and hit his first major league home run.

Bud Thomas:

"He hit his first home run off me. The first one he ever hit. In Fenway Park. 1939. Spring of '39. He hit a sort of a change of pace, like it was a slow ball. He pulled it hard. It was just a fair ball way down the right-field line." [interview with author, 1997]

Thomas minimizes it, and contemporary reports term it a fastball, but, whatever the pitch - this was a ball hit well. Ted hit it into the right-field seats, near the area where the bleachers and grandstand meet. This was before the bullpens were installed at Fenway. Supposedly, only five others had ever



Ted crossing home plate after his 1st-inning home run vs. the Yankees, May 30, 1939.

hit home runs into this area of the right-field seats at Fenway: Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Bill Dickey, Charlie Gehringer and Hal Trosky. Ted did it six more times before the year was out.

Ted also had two singles and a double off the left-center-field wall against the A's that day, the double missing going out by inches. Almost the entire crowd stayed through the April rain and cold to see if Ted would go 5 for 5. His final time up, he hit the ball well, and Ted "nearly drove left fielder Bob Johnson through the scoreboard before Johnson finally speared a line drive that was prevented from landing up against the barrier only by the unfavorable East Wind," according to Gerry Moore's account of the game in *The Boston Globe*.

Moore's front-page article was headlined *Ted Williams Revives Feats of Babe Ruth*. Ted was also credited with making a "sensational running catch." Another *Globe* writer commented, "Four games may not be much on which to judge a player, but it takes only one look at Ted to see that he'll hit 'em as far as anyone and in any league...[The way the crowd stuck around] it reminded you of the way crowds used to wait for Babe Ruth to take his final licks before heading for the exits...more than an hour after the game was over, there was titanic Ted, surrounded by a hundred

urchins in the parking lot near the players' entrance to Fenway Park. He was shivering in the cold, but still showing the kids how he broke his wrists to buggy-whip that ball." The *Herald* reported that "his every move was a signal for an ovation."

Ted had a huge buildup in the Boston press. He had almost made the club in 1938, but Joe Cronin felt he needed more seasoning and dispatched him to the Pawtucket of its day for the Red Sox, the Minneapolis Millers. Fellow player Gene Desautels said, "I thought for sure he was going to stay there that year, but they sent him back to Minneapolis." [BASEBALL IN 1939 by Lawrence S. Katz (Jefferson, NC: McFarland, 1995, pp. 98-100)]

Ted hit .368 with the Millers, and, in fact, won the Triple Crown in the American Association with 142 RBI and 43 home runs. Already showing great patience at the plate, he drew 114 walks in 528 plate appearances. His on-base percentage was .581!

During the first week of spring training in '39, despite all the anticipation, Williams was nowhere to be found. Tom Yawkey and company were relieved when the 6'3" 146-pounder arrived in camp, trailed by reporters. "I'm not going down to the field to report," he told them. "I'm too





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The rookie Ted Williams (in center) with teammate Emerson Dickman (on left) and Manager Joe Cronin at Yankee Stadium on April 20, 1939.

tired to practice today. I think I'd better go to bed and get some more rest. I'll be out there tomorrow, though, and I'll show you guys how it should be done." Joe Cronin was not about to wait a minute longer. Roused out of bed and ordered down to the field, Williams greeted Cronin by saying, "Good to see you, Skip. How's the old boy doing?" Disarmed but not disturbed by Williams' straightforwardness, Cronin told him, "All I want you to do down here is to pay attention to business, work hard on your fielding, and be in good shape to show the fans of Boston that you're as good as you and I think you are."

Donie Bush, the Miller's manager, "gave Ted a great start," recalled Charlie Wagner, now in his 64th year with the Red Sox organization. Wagner was Ted's roommate from 1939 on and first got to know Ted in midseason 1938, when Wagner spent about a month and a half with the Millers. "Ted did a few things that even he himself wouldn't like today. Donie used to say, 'Now listen. Just let

him go and everything will be all right."

It was a "honeymoon" year for The Kid. Ted's antics prior to his arrival had already resulted in a number of writers in Minneapolis calling him a "screwball." He'd think nothing of using his dining room knife as an imaginary bat as he waited for the food to come, or he'd come out of the shower swinging his towel as a bat. He'd daydream in the outfield during the game, taking imaginary swings. Barnstorming north in 1939, he was preceded with stories that he was "sure to click" and the like.

Ted's year continued well. Just a couple of weeks later, on May 4, 1939, he hit the first ball out of Tiger Stadium (then Briggs Stadium). The next time Ted faced Red Ruffing, he hit the home run he had said he would hit off him. This was a Fenway doubleheader for which all 35,000 tickets sold, with an estimated 50,000 (!) fans turned away. Ted's homer off Ruffing went a full 20 rows up in the right-field seats, an estimated 460 feet.

In his first two months in the majors, he had hit five of the longest home runs anybody had ever seen. By the time the season had gotten into August, *The Sporting News* headlined a feature "Williams, Red Sox Kid Socker, Miscast in Screwball Role, On Way to Driving Many American League Hurlers Crazy." [*THE SPORTING NEWS*, August 17, 1939]

There had been a couple of times when Manager Cronin had to bench Ted for a few innings to get his attention, to encourage him to focus and to smarten up a bit. He'd expressed himself to The Kid more or less along the lines of "Ted, you're a boy playing a man's game, but if you're going to stay in baseball, you've got to be a man."

All in all, though, Cronin said he was just an "over-enthusiastic" and strong kid who'd been a high school hero and had too many bouquets thrown at him. The advice paid off. Williams matured quickly, endlessly asking for baseball advice from everyone he met. "That's quite a thing to come right out of high school and be thrown in with a lot of old-time ballplayers," says Wagner. "Ted started to grow up." Playing on the same team as Jimmie Foxx, with Hugh Duffy as your first base coach, with Cronin in his corner, and all the other veterans on the team, Williams developed quickly and began to put up some impressive numbers.

His 145 RBI in 1939 is still an all-time rookie record 60 years later.

"I can't imagine anyone having a better, happier first year in the big leagues," Ted himself recalls. "I used to send Rod Luscomb (his high school coach at Hoover H.S. in San Diego) diagrams showing how the parks were laid out and where I had hit my home runs, and telling him how happy I was. I hit a home run in every park, completing the list in Yankee Stadium on the last day. Every day was Christmas...Babe Ruth declared me 'rookie of the year.' They didn't have an official rookie of the year award then, so that was good enough for me. Later the Boston writers made the same designation." [*TED WILLIAMS, MY TURN AT BAT*, pp. 62, 63]



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During his rookie year, 60 years ago, he was "a happy kid playing a boy's game with grown men. At 20, he bubbled with enthusiasm, an engaging young six-foot-three giant who was so thin he seemed all arms and legs...At the start of Williams' career, he was the special darling of Boston's right-field fans." Ted played right field in 1939, switching over to left beginning with the 1940 season. "They cheered everything he did, especially his home runs. In fact, the man who later became famous for his refusal to tip his cap, showed his appreciation with grins, waves and frequent sweeps of appreciation with his hat in his hand." [Al Hirshberg, *WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THE RED SOX*, pp. 6-7]

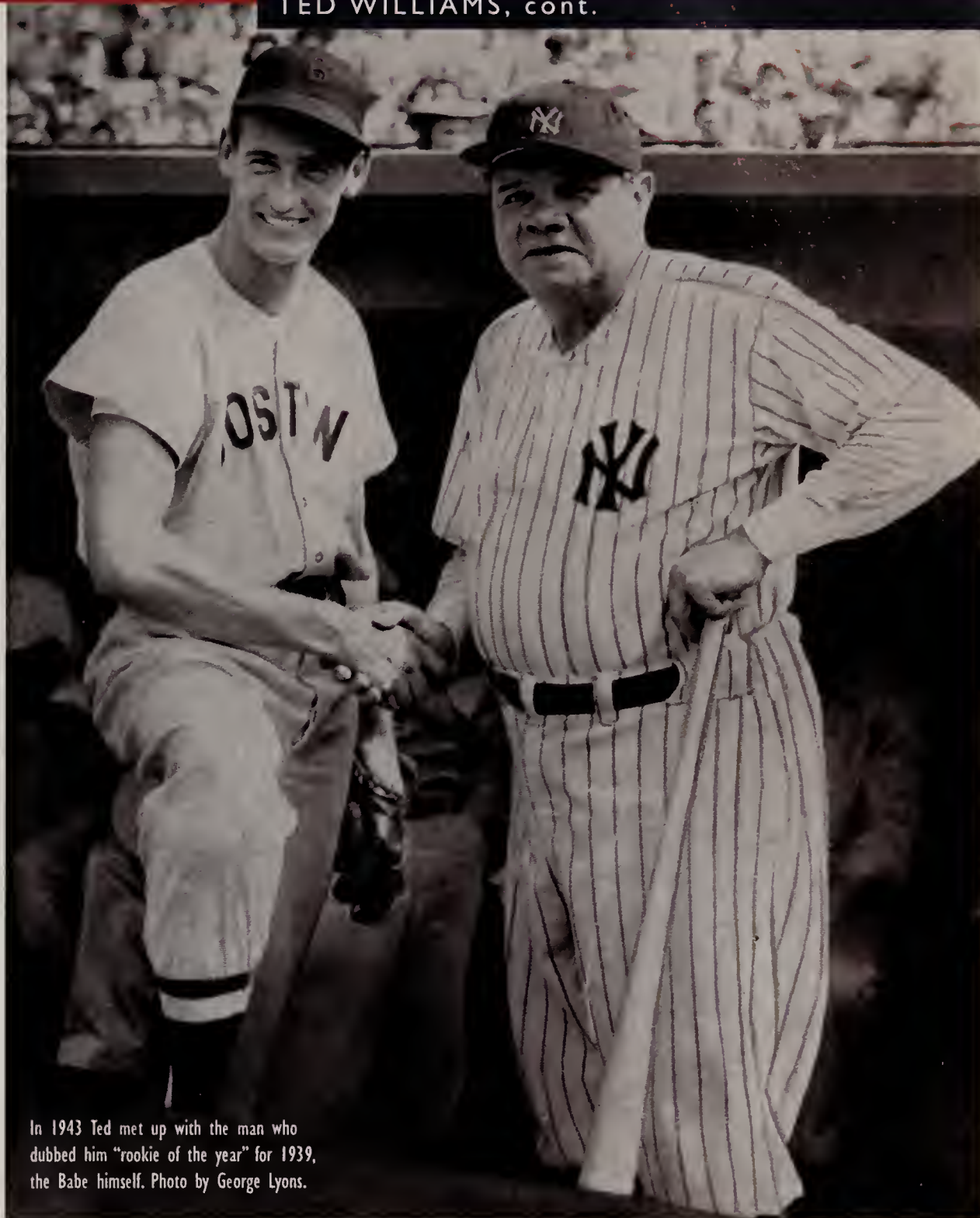
"The fans in right field were yelling with me and for me all the time, really crowding in there to see what I would do next, and that year nobody tipped or waved his hat more than I did. I mean, right off my head, by the button. Nothing put on, nothing acted, just spontaneous. The next year things began to change and I never did it again." [Ted Williams, *MY TURN AT BAT*, pp. 62, 63]

Ed Walton cites several rookie records set by Ted in 1939:

- led league in total bases (as he did five more times during his career). Only four players ever led the league six or more times: Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth and Ted Williams, with six each, all American Leaguers, and Hank Aaron, who did it eight times in the N.L. Ted had 344 total bases in 1939. Second was teammate Jimmie Foxx with 324.



Then Red Sox General Manager Joe Cronin with the 1958 batting champion, Ted Williams.



In 1943 Ted met up with the man who dubbed him "rookie of the year" for 1939, the Babe himself. Photo by George Lyons.

- a slugging average of .609, highest ever for an A.L. rookie - 4th in the league to Jimmie Foxx, Joe DiMaggio and Hank Greenberg.
- 145 RBI (still major league rookie record). Ted led the league, a full 19 more than the second-place Joe DiMaggio.
- 107 walks - a major league record for rookies, and second that year in the league.
- His 131 runs scored were 2nd only to Rolfe, NY, who had 139. Ted ranked 5th in the A.L. with 185 hits and 2nd in doubles, with 44 to Rolfe's 46. He was 3rd with 31 HR behind Foxx, 35 and Greenberg, 33.

[Walton, in *RED SOX TRIUMPHS AND TRAGEDIES*]

It was quite a start. Two years later Ted hit .406. The year after that, he won the Triple Crown. Off to war for three years, but his first year back, he won the

MVP award and helped bring the Red Sox into the World Series. The very next year, he achieved yet another Triple Crown, and two years later, another MVP. The most important thing in baseball is to get on base. Williams leads all players, ever, in on-base percentage: for his career, he got on base 48.3% of the times he came to the plate. This at a time when the strike zone was about twice as generous as it is today.

Ted Williams arrived in Boston 60 years ago. Baseball fans everywhere - even those who never saw him play - were treated to a unique individual who made his mark on and off the field, and batted the baseball with a prowess that will be hard to match. ■

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# A Month-by-Month Recap of Red Sox Highlights by Day and Year

## APRIL 2

**1993:** In the last Florida spring training game of the year, LH Frank Viola and RH Cory Bailey combined to no-hit the Phillies 10 to 0.

## APRIL 3

**1966:** INF Felix Mantilla was traded to Houston for SS Eddie Kasko.

**1992:** In their final game at Chain O'Lakes Park in Winter Haven, FL, the Red Sox defeated the Tigers 14-4. The team had trained there for 27 years.

## APRIL 4

**1919:** The Red Sox played their first game at their new spring training site in Tampa, FL and defeated the N.Y. Giants 5-3.

## APRIL 6

**1907:** Pitcher Cy Young announced that he did not want to be the Boston manager, but would run the club until a new manager was named.

**1973:** Opening Day - Orlando Cepeda became the Red Sox first designated hitter in a 15-5, 20-hit Red Sox win over New York behind Luis Tiant's complete game.



Catcher Carlton Fisk hit two home runs including a grand slam.

**1982:** With the first two games of the season at Chicago snowed out, the Red Sox made an unprecedented move by returning to their spring training home in Florida.

## APRIL 7

**1986:** Opening Day - Dwight Evans homered on the first pitch of the game thrown by RH Jack Morris in Detroit.

## APRIL 8

**1969:** Tony Conigliaro played in his first game with the Red Sox since his August 1967 beaming. His triumphant comeback was highlighted by his 12th-inning, game-winning homer at Baltimore as the Sox beat the O's 5-4.

**1995:** Free agent C Mike MacFarlane signed with the Red Sox. 3B Scott Cooper and P Cory Bailey were traded to the Cardinals for OF Mark Whiten and LHP Rheal Cormier.

**1975:** Home Opener - Tony Conigliaro returned to the Sox as their DH and went 1-4 in a 5-2 Red Sox win over the Brewers. Hank Aaron made his American League debut.

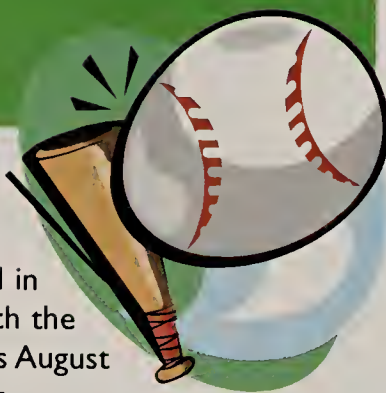
## APRIL 9

**1912:** In an exhibition game played during a snow storm, and the first game ever played at Fenway Park, the Red Sox defeated Harvard University.

## APRIL 10

**1960:** Ted Williams hit a ball completely out of City Park Stadium in New Orleans, LA in an exhibition game. He was the first batter to do so.

**1968:** Opening Day - Carl Yastrzemski hit two home runs, including one inside the park, to help defeat the Tigers, 7-3, at Tiger Stadium.



## APRIL 11

**1961:** Opening Day at Fenway Park - Carl Yastrzemski had a single, his first M.L. hit, vs. Ray Herbert of the K.C.A's.

**1992:** It took 19 innings, but the Red Sox defeated the Indians at Cleveland, 7-5, on Tim Lincecum's two-run homer.

## APRIL 12

**1965:** The Red Sox tied an American League season-opener record for most home runs (5) vs. Washington.

**1994:** Scott Cooper hit for the cycle at Kansas City in a 22-11 Red Sox win.

## APRIL 13

**1963:** Dave Morehead pitched a 3-0 shutout at Washington in his major league debut. He was the first Red Sox rookie to pitch one since Dave Ferriss in 1945.

**1997:** Kids' Opening Day at Fenway Park - the Red Sox introduced their new mascot, Wally, the Green Monster.

## APRIL 14

**1908:** The Boston American League team played their first game under their new name, "Red Sox" at Washington.

**1967:** In his major league debut, rookie pitcher Billy Rohr pitched no-hit ball for 8 2/3 innings vs. the Yankees. He allowed only one hit (to Elston Howard) to tie a major league record in a 3-0 win at New York.

**1990:** The Red Sox won their 7,000th game since their first season in 1901, 4-3, vs. Milwaukee at Fenway Park.

## APRIL 16

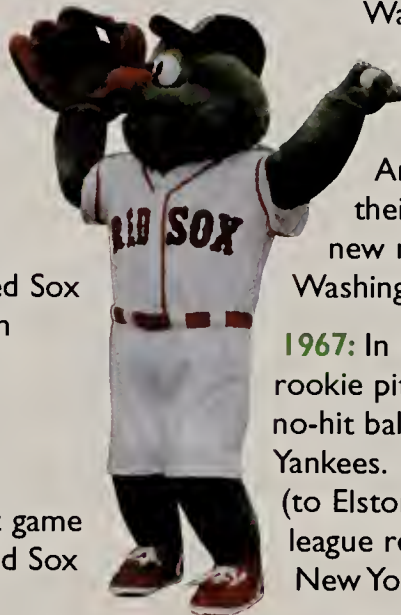
**1946:** Opening Day - Ted Williams hit one of the longest home runs ever as the Red Sox beat the Senators in Washington 6-3.

**1973:** CF Reggie Smith hit two home runs, one left-handed and one right-handed, vs. the Tigers at Fenway in a losing cause 9-7.

## APRIL 17

**1912:** Rain postponed the first four games (Apr. 17-19) at new Fenway Park.

**1934:** The newly refurbished Fenway Park opened. On January 5, 1934 fire had nearly destroyed the construction that was underway to renovate the park by new owner Tom Yawkey.





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**APRIL 18**

**1945:** SS, mgr. and PH Joe Cronin broke his leg and announced his retirement as an active player.

**APRIL 20**

**1912:** The first official game at Fenway Park was played. The Red Sox beat New York, 7-6, in 11 innings.

**1939:** Ted Williams had his first major league hit, a double off the Yankees Red Ruffing. The ball hit above the 407-ft. sign in RCF in Yankee Stadium.

**APRIL 22**

**1985:** LF Jim Rice was named Red Sox captain by Manager John McNamara.

**1994:** Billy Hatcher was the last Red Sox player to steal home on a straight steal attempt vs. the Angels with two outs to tie the score 5-5.

**APRIL 23**

**1939:** Ted Williams had his first major league home run at Fenway Park off Philadelphia's Bud Thomas.

**APRIL 24**

**1977:** The Red Sox defeated the Blue Jays, 9-0, on Ferguson Jenkins' three-hitter in the first ever shutout at Exhibition Stadium in Toronto.

**APRIL 25**

**1946:** The Red Sox defeated the Yankees, 12-5, to start a 15-game hitting streak.

**1961:** Pitcher Gene Conley won his first A.L. game for the Red Sox, 6-1, vs. Washington at Fenway Park, just two weeks after helping the Boston Celtics win the NBA basketball championship.

**APRIL 26**

**1912:** Red Sox 1B Hugh Bradley hit a home run over the LF wall at Fenway, the first batter to do so.

**APRIL 27**

**1997:** The Red Sox had five home runs in a 13-7 win at Baltimore tying a Camden Yard record for home runs by a visiting team.

**APRIL 28**

**1929:** The Red Sox played the first major league baseball game ever allowed on a Sunday in Boston at Braves Field. The Philadelphia A's beat the Red Sox 7-3. Fenway Park could not be utilized for baseball because of its proximity to a Back Bay Church. Prior to 1929, Sunday baseball had been banned in Boston.

**1984:** Tony Armas became only the sixth player to hit a homer into the center-field stands at Comiskey Park in Chicago.

**1990:** The Red Sox beat Oakland, 12-3, at Fenway Park as Wade Boggs played in his 1,200th M.L. game. The temperature at gametime, 12:07, was 95 degrees, and at game's end, 3:57, the temperature had plummeted to a windy 55 degrees.

**APRIL 29**

**1945:** Dave Ferriss pitched a 2-0 shutout at Philadelphia in his first major league game.

**1986:** Roger Clemens set a new major league strikeout record for a nine-inning game when he struck out 20 Mariners at Fenway Park in a 3-1 Red Sox win. Clemens also tied for the A.L. record with eight consecutive strikeouts.

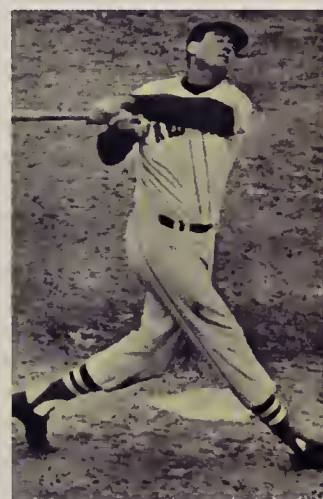
**1997:** The Red Sox honored Jackie Robinson by placing his #42 on the right-field roof at Fenway Park.

**1998:** The Sox defeated Anaheim, 8-4, at Fenway Park, their 18th win of the month, a club record for April.

**APRIL 30**

**1901:** Boston earned its first A.L. win by beating the A's at Philadelphia, 8-6, in 10 innings. The game was also the first extra-inning game in the new league.

**1952:** Ted Williams hit a home run in his last game before entering the Marines for service in the Korean War. Boston beat Detroit, 3-2, at Fenway.



Sources: *Red Sox Triumphs and Tragedies, This Date in Boston Red Sox History* by Ed Walton; *Red Sox Media Guide*



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# 1999 RED SOX BROADCASTERS

The Red Sox Radio Network will carry every game with Joe Castiglione and Jerry Trupiano handling the play-by-play. Sports Radio 850 WEEI-AM in Boston is the 50,000-watt flagship station for a network of 60 stations throughout the New England area.

Castiglione is in his 17th season on Red Sox radio. He had previously covered the Cleveland Indians on TV in 1979 and on cable in 1982. He also broadcast the Milwaukee Brewers on cable in 1981. The Hamden, Conn. native has announced the Cleveland Cavaliers (NBA) on cable, and he did college basketball on New England Sports Network for six winters. Joe has also taught a broadcast journalism course at Northeastern University for several years.



Jerry Trupiano and Joe Castiglione

Joining Castiglione for his seventh year on Red Sox radio is St. Louis native, Jerry Trupiano. Trupiano is a graduate of St. Louis University, where he began his busy broadcasting career as a disc jockey on the college radio station. Since then, Jerry has had an impressive list of broadcasting duties. He has covered boxing events, the Houston Aeros of the World Hockey Association (1974), the Houston Rockets (1978-80),

Southwest Conference Football (1978-88) and the Houston Oilers (1980-89). He also hosted a talk show for 14 years in Houston. Jerry's baseball broadcasting experience includes play-by-play for the Houston Astros (1985-86) and the Montreal Expos (1989-90) as well as three games on CBS Radio Game of the Week in 1991.



Hector Martinez and Bobby Serrano

The Red Sox are pleased to be broadcasting to Spanish-speaking fans once again this year on the Red Sox Hispanic Radio Network, a division of Carter Broadcasting. 1999 marks the 10th season for the network which broadcasts all Red Sox home night games. 1330 WRCA-AM is the network's flagship station in Boston. The games can also be heard on local radio stations in Connecticut, Providence, Lawrence, Springfield and Worcester. Broadcasters Bobby Serrano and Hector Martinez return to Fenway for their 10th season of Spanish-language broadcasting.

This is NESN's 16th season covering Boston Red Sox baseball. Bob Kurtz and Jerry Remy are teaming up for their seventh season together as NESN's Red Sox announcing team. Kurtz, a native of Detroit,



Jerry Remy and Bob Kurtz

Michigan, joined NESN in April of 1989 as the voice of Pawtucket Red Sox baseball. He also served as the host of NESN's Boston Red Sox pre- and post-game shows. In the spring of 1993, he began announcing Red Sox games. Prior to joining NESN, Kurtz spent eight seasons as a play-by-play announcer for the Minnesota Twins and Minnesota North Stars.

Remy returns to NESN as Red Sox color man for his 12th season. Prior to joining the NESN broadcast team, Remy was a crowd pleaser behind the second base bag. Remy played for 10 years in the major leagues where he compiled a .275 lifetime batting average. The Somerset, Mass. native broke into the majors with the Angels in 1975 before he was traded to the Red Sox prior to the 1978 season (for pitcher Don Aase). Remy had his best season in 1978 when he batted .278, scored 78 runs and stole 30 bases. That same season, he posted a career-high, 19-game hitting streak and was selected to the American League All-Star team. Remy's playing days were cut short by a knee injury which forced his retirement during spring training in 1986.

Joining Kurtz and Remy during Red Sox broadcasts will be Bob Rodgers. Rodgers enters his third season serving as NESN's in-studio host during Red Sox broadcasts, providing up-to-the-minute news and highlights from around the league. Rodgers has served as an anchor on NESN SportsDesk, the network's morning sports news and highlights program since 1993.



For the convenience of its viewers, NESN rebroadcasts most of its games. *Catch Sox in Two*, NESN's two-hour rebroadcasts of almost every Red Sox game (usually at midnight and then again at 9:00 the next morning).



Jerry Remy and Sean McDonough

WB56 is the new Boston affiliate of the JCS/Red Sox New England Television Network. They will carry 75 games in their inaugural season. Sean McDonough, now in his 12th season with the Red Sox, will provide play-by-play for the telecasts. McDonough is a seasoned veteran, regarded as one of the best in the business.

In 1992 and 1993, Sean called plays for CBS Baseball's regular season, the All-Star Game, the League Championship and the World Series. In addition, he has covered the '92, '94 and '98 Winter Olympics and continues to announce a variety of sports for CBS.

Jerry Remy teams up for his third year with Sean McDonough as the Red Sox JCS/New England Television Network color commentator.

## 1999 BOSTON RED SOX RADIO NETWORK

### MASSACHUSETTS

Boston	WEEI	850
Cape Cod (FM)	WWKJ	101.1
Fall River	WSAR	1480
Fitchburg	WEIM	1280
Greenfield	WHA1	1240
Greenfield (FM)	WHA1	98.3
Milford	WMRC	1490
New Bedford*	WBSM	1420
North Adams	WNAW	1230
Northampton	WHMP	1400
Pittsfield	WBEC	1420
Springfield	WHYN	560
Worcester	WTAG	580

### CONNECTICUT

Hartford	WTIC	1080
Norwalk	WNCR	1350
Putnam	WINY	1350
Stamford	WSTC	1400
Willimantic	WILI	1400

### MAINE

Bangor	WZON	620
Calais	WQDY	1230
Calais (FM)	WQDY	92.7
Camden (FM)	WQSS	102.5
Dover/Foxcroft (FM)	WDME	103.1
Ellsworth	WDEA	1370
Farmington (FM)	WKTJ	99.3
Houlton (FM)	WHOU	100.1
Machias (FM)	WALZ	95.3
Mexico (FM)	WTBM	100.7
Monticello	WREM	710
Norway (FM)	WOXO	92.7
Portland	WJAB	1440
Presque Isle	WEGP	1390
Saco	WIDE	1400
Skowhegan	WSKW	1160
Skowhegan (FM)	WHQO	107.9

### NEW HAMPSHIRE

Berlin	WMOU	1230
Concord	WKXL	1450
Franklin (FM)	WFTN	94.1
Keene	WKNE	1290
Laconia	WEMJ	1490
Lebanon	WTSL	1400
Littleton	WLTN	1400
Manchester	WGIR	610
Plymouth (FM)	WPNH	100.1
Portsmouth	WGIP	930

### NEW YORK

Port Henry (FM)	WXNT	92.1
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### RHODE ISLAND

Providence	WPRO	630
Woonsocket	WNRI	1380

### VERMONT

Brattleboro	WKVT	1490
Burlington	WJOY	1230
Middlebury	WFAD	1490
Rutland	WSYB	1380
Springfield	WCFR	1480
Springfield (FM)	WCFR	93.5
St. Johnsbury	WSTJ	1340
Waterbury	WDEV	550
Waterbury (FM)	WDEV	96.1

\*Friday, Saturday and Sunday games only.

All stations are AM unless otherwise stated.

## 1999 SPANISH LANGUAGE RADIO NETWORK

Boston (flagship)	WRCA	1330 AM
Lawrence	WHAV	1490 AM
Springfield	WACE	730 AM
Worcester	WCRN	830 AM
Providence	WRIB	1220 AM

## BOSTON RED SOX TELEVISION NETWORK

### MASSACHUSETTS

Boston	WLVI	Ch. 56
Springfield	Media One	
Berkshire County	Century Cable	
Berkshire County	Adelphia Cable	
Berkshire County	Time Warner Cable	

### CONNECTICUT

Hartford	WTXX	Ch. 20
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### MAINE

Bangor	WABI	Ch. 5
Bangor	WBGR	Ch. 33
Portland	WPME	Ch. 35

### RHODE ISLAND

Providence	WLNE	Ch. 6
Providence	WLNE LP	Ch. 48

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Baseball shorthand is used by the news media to render every game more enjoyable to baseball enthusiasts. All players are numbered and all plays recorded by symbols. For symbols and examples of the system, see below.

### CODE NUMBER OF PLAYERS AS FOLLOWS

Pitcher	1	Second Baseman	4	Left Fielder	7
Catcher	2	Third Baseman	5	Center Fielder	8
First Baseman	3	Shortstop	6	Right Fielder	9

### SYMBOLS FOR PLAYS

Single	—	Fielder's Choice	FC	Passed Ball	PB
Double	=	Hit by Pitcher	HP	Balk	BK
Triple	≡	Wild Pitch	WP	Struck Out	K
Home Run	≡≡	Stolen Base	SB	Base on Balls	BB
Sacrifice	SAC	Force Out	FO		
Reached Base on Error	E				



The lower left-hand corner of the scoring black should be considered as home plate. Progress is counter-clockwise with progress to first base indicated in lower right-hand corner, to second in upper right-hand corner, to third in upper left-hand corner and to home in lower left. In example to left, batter reached first on an error by the second baseman, stole second, went to third on a wild pitch and scored on a passed ball. It is convenient to shade the diamond as shown so that scoring plays may be seen at a glance.

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Fly ball striking left-center-field wall to left of line behind flagpole and bounding into screen: 2 Bases.

Fly ball striking wall or flagpole and bounding into bleachers: Home Run.

Fly ball striking line or right of same on wall in right center: Home Run.

Fly ball striking wall left of line and bounding into bullpen: 2 Bases.

Ball sticking in bullpen screen or bouncing into bullpen: 2 Bases.

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# 1999 RED SOX SEASON SCHEDULE

## APRIL 1999

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	T 5	6	N 7	N 8	T 9	T 10
	KC 2:05		KC 8:05	KC 8:05	TAM 7:05	TAM 6:35
T 11		T 13		N 15	T 16	T 17
TAM 1:35		CHW 1:05		CHW 6:05	TAM 6:05	TAM 1:05
T 18	T 19	N 20	N 21	T 22	T 23	T 24
TAM 1:05	TAM 11:05	DET 7:05	DET 7:05	DET 1:05	CLE 6:05	CLE 1:05
T 25	N 26	N 27	T 28	29	T 30	
CLE 1:05	MIN 8:05	MIN 8:05	MIN 1:15		OAK 10:35	

## MAY 1999

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						T 1
						OAK 4:05
N 2	N 3		4	N 5	N 6	T 7
OAK 4:05	OAK 3:05		TEX 7:05	TEX 7:05	ANA 7:05	ANA 1:05
T 9	N 10	N 11	N 12	13	T 14	T 15
ANA 1:05	SEA 7:05	SEA 7:05	SEA 7:05		TOR 7:05	TOR 4:05
T 16	N 17	N 18	N 19	T 20	T 21	T 22
TOR 1:05	TOR 7:05	NYN 7:05	NYN 7:05	NYN 7:05	TOR 7:05	TOR 1:05
T 23	N 24	N 25	N 26	27	T 28	T 29
TOR 1:05	NYN 7:35	NYN 7:35	NYN 7:35		CLE 7:05	CLE 1:05

## JUNE 1999

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		N 1	N 2	3	T 4	T 5
		DET 7:05	DET 7:05		ATL 7:05	ATL 4:05*
T 6	N 7	N 8	N 9	10	T 11	F 12
ATL 1:05	MON 7:05	MON 7:05	MON 7:05		NYM 7:40	NYM 1:15
T 13	N 14	N 15	N 16	T 17	T 18	F 19
NYM 1:40	MIN 7:05	MIN 7:05	MIN 7:05	MIN 7:05	TEX 7:05	TEX 1:15*
T 20	N 21	N 22	N 23	N 24	T 25	T 26
TEX 1:05	TEX 7:05	BAL 7:35	BAL 7:35	BAL 7:35	CHW 7:05	CHW 4:05*
T 27	N 28	29	N 30			
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## JULY 1999

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				T 1	T 2	F 3
				TAM 7:05	CHW 8:05	CHW 1:15
T 4	N 5	N 6	N 7	T 8	T 9	F 10
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T 18	N 19	N 20	N 21	N 22	T 23	T 24
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T 25	26	N 27	N 28	29	T 30	F 31
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## AUGUST 1999

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
E 1	N 2	N 3	T 4	N 5	N 6	F 7
NYN 8:05	CLE 7:05	CLE 7:05	CLE 1:05	ANA 10:05	ANA 10:05	ANA 4:05
8	N 9	N 10	T 11	12	T 13	T 14
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ANA 1:05	KC 7:05	KC 7:05				

## SEPTEMBER 1999

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			N 1	T 2	T 3	T 4
			KC 7:05	KC 1:05	SEA 10:05	SEA 4:05
N 5	N 6	N 7	N 8	9	T 10	F 11
SEA 4:35	SEA 4:35	OAK 10:35	OAK 4:05		NYN 7:35	NYN 1:15
T 12	N 13	N 14	N 15	16	T 17	T 18
NYN 1:35	CLE 7:05	CLE 7:05	CLE 7:05		DET 7:05	DET TBD
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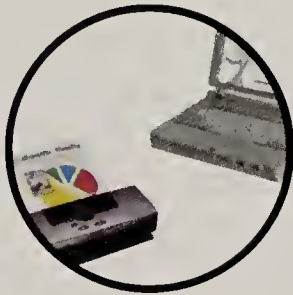
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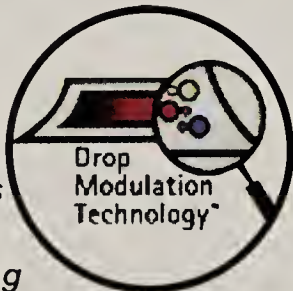
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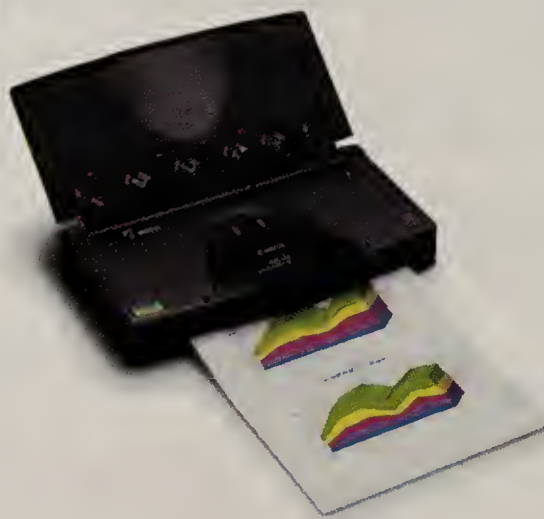


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**Age:** 36

**Born:** October 30, 1962, Los Angeles, CA

**Ht.:** 6-0; **Wt.:** 215

**Bats and Throws:** Right

**Home:** Barrington, RI

Originally signed by Minnesota, October 23, 1980 as a non-drafted free agent.

Signed by Red Sox as a free agent, December 9, 1998.

**Major League Experience:** Minnesota (1985-88); Houston (1989-93); San Francisco (1994-95); Cincinnati (1995-96); Philadelphia (1997-98)

**In 1998:**

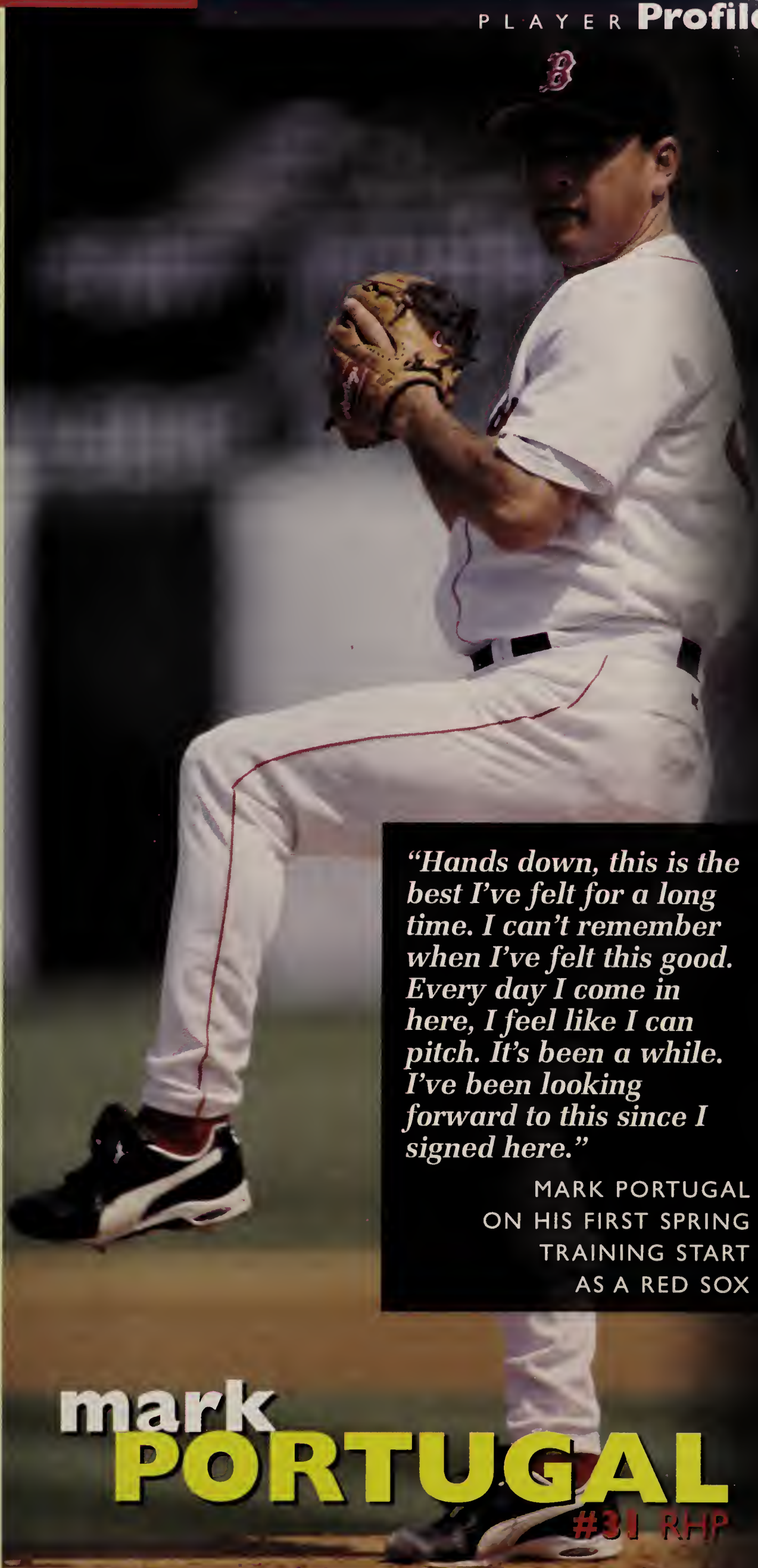
- Finished 2nd on Phillies pitching staff with 10 wins, 166.1 innings pitched, and 3 complete games.
- One of his complete game victories was 3-2 vs. the Red Sox at Fenway Park on June 23.
- Recorded a 3.25 strikeout-to-walk ratio (32 BB, 104 K).
- On four days rest, Portugal was 6-3, 3.42 ERA in 14 starts (92 IP, 16 BB, 56 K).
- Held opposing batters to a .195 batting avg. from the 7th inning on.
- Went 8-2, 3.06 ERA in 15 road games.
- Appeared in his 300th career game July 4 vs. Milwaukee.
- Recorded his 1,000th career strikeout July 11 at Pittsburgh.
- Earned 100th career win August 21 vs. Arizona.

**Career Highlights (entering 1999):**

- Has an 18-year career as a professional baseball player.
- Has a career 102-83 record with a 3.89 ERA in the major leagues.
- In 315 appearances over the course of 14 seasons in the major leagues, recorded 1055 strikeouts, while walking only 566 for a 1.86 career ratio.
- Led San Francisco starters with 10 wins in 1994. At the plate, hit .354 with 5 doubles, 1 triple, and 8 RBI.
- Led the National League with a .818 winning pct. in 1993.
- Was a 1993 N.L. Cy Young Award candidate with Houston, posting an 18-4 record with a 2.77 ERA.
- Spent 1st full season in M.L. in 1990.
- Began pro career in 1981 with Elizabethton (Rookie League).

**Personal/Background:**

- Has three children: Derek (9), Jacob (6), and Alexandra (3).
- Graduated from Norwalk High School (CA) in 1980 where he played just one season of baseball as a catcher and an outfielder.
- Has also played in Little League, Pony league, and Colt league baseball.
- Hobbies include shooting pool and golfing.



*"Hands down, this is the best I've felt for a long time. I can't remember when I've felt this good. Every day I come in here, I feel like I can pitch. It's been a while. I've been looking forward to this since I signed here."*

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ON HIS FIRST SPRING  
TRAINING START  
AS A RED SOX

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**PORTUGAL**  
#31 RHP



**F**

rom Cy Young to Cy Young Award winner Pedro Martinez, Red Sox fans have had the opportunity to witness

some of the best pitchers in baseball history. Over the past century, 20-game winners, dominating relief specialists and ERA leaders have frozen opposing batters for the old town team, but only a few have reached the pitching pinnacle of throwing a no-hitter while donning a Red Sox uniform.

Ask a Red Sox fan for the names of the 13 pitchers to throw a no-hitter for the Sox and Ruth, Grove, Lonborg and Clemens might be the quick answers, but most of the mound masterpieces were tossed by players who weren't always accustomed to the spotlight of stardom. In the early part of the century, names such as Jesse Tannehill, Bill Dinneen, Joe Wood, Ernie Shore, George Foster, Dutch Leonard and Howard Ehmke grabbed headlines for tossing the gem of pitching efforts. As the years rolled past and baseball entered the second half of the century, the names Mel Parnell, Earl Wilson, Bill Monbouquette, Dave Morehead and Matt Young joined the list of Red Sox pitchers to be untouchable for the course of a game. As with all lists, there must be a name at the top, and the leader for the Red Sox no-hit list is a man with a name recognizable by not only Red Sox fans, but all baseball loyalists.

By 1904, Cy Young was known in every baseball town in America as one of the premier pitchers in the game. He had tossed nearly 400 wins stretching from the days when a pitcher stood a mere 50 feet from the batter to the infancy of baseball's modern era when a pitcher was stationed on a mound a distant 60' 6" from the plate. Young entered his 15th season of professional ball in '04 ready to help his team defend the World Championship they had won the previous year in baseball's first Fall

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*First of Three Parts*

Following his great achievements as a pitcher, Bill Dinneen's baseball career continued as an American League umpire.

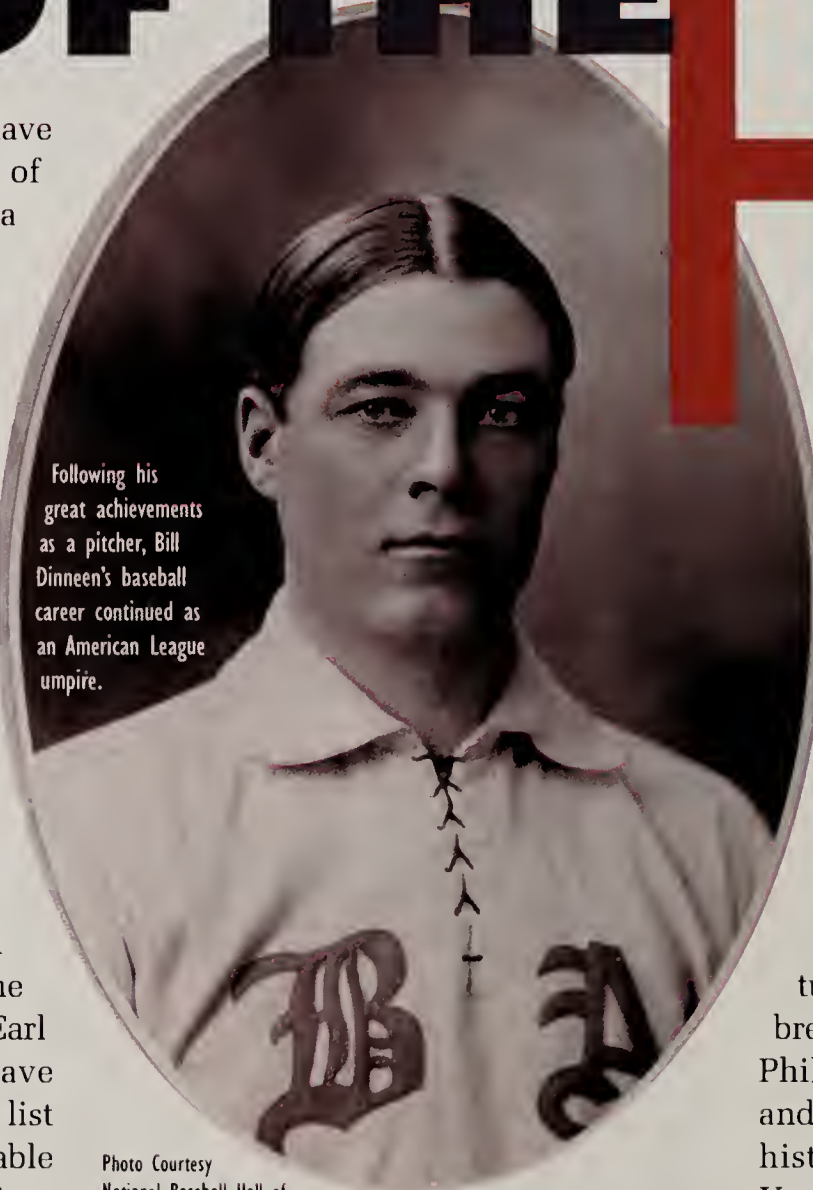


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Classic, but rumors rumbled throughout the league that "old" Cy had lost his magic.

The Boston ball club had broken quickly in its title defense posting 10 games in the win column against only two losses. Unfortunately for Cy Young, the two blemishes on the Boston record came at his expense, and many thought the end was near for the mighty righthander. As the club returned from an early season trip, Young took the mound against the Philadelphia Athletics on May 5. Rube Waddell, coming off a one-hit performance against Boston's Tannehill four days earlier, was

set to pitch for Connie Mack's Athletics. Waddell was known to offer his opinions without much coaxing and reportedly yelled across the Huntington Avenue Grounds that he planned to give Young the same treatment he gave Tannehill.

By game's end, Young had turned Waddell's bluster into a May breeze as he dispatched 27 straight Philadelphia batters recording a 3-0 win and the first perfect game in baseball history. Within those nine innings, Young had gone from hearing calls for his retirement to his Ohio farm to being crowned "King of Pitchers" by *The Boston Globe*. Headlines in the following day's *Globe* proclaimed that the 10,267 fans in attendance had watched the greatest game ever played.

Young was in control from beginning to end striking out eight men on his journey to history. Reports described Young at his best during the game with "fine speed, good curves and perfect control." Only a few balls gave the pitcher much worry, but Young's defense protected his masterpiece. Freddy Parent fielded a few tough chances at the shortstop position while Pat Dougherty pulled in

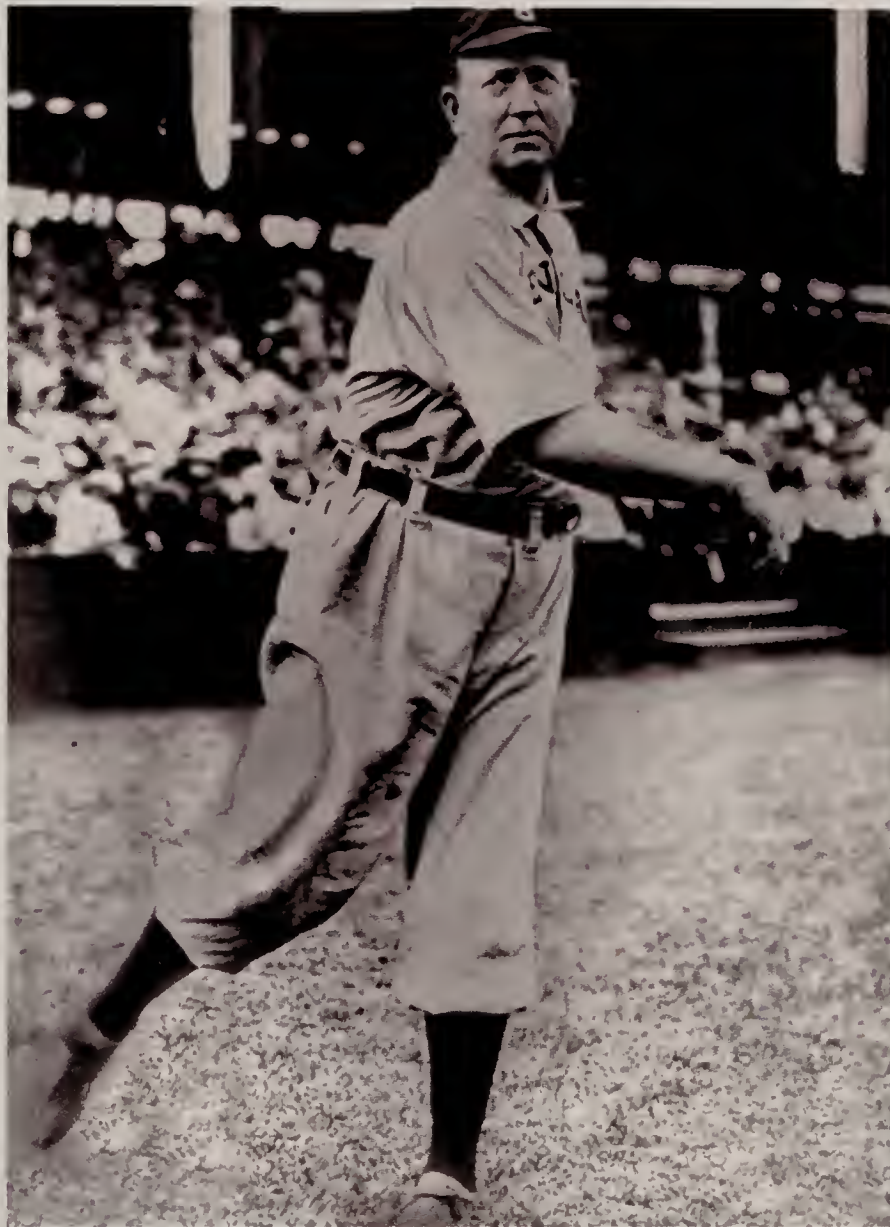


a deep fly ball at the Huntington Avenue Grounds' left-field fence.

As Young closed in on pitching baseball's first perfect game, he recorded two quick outs in the ninth inning. Fittingly, the last batter would be his boisterous pitching rival Rube Waddell. As fans rose to watch the final batter of the game, Waddell lifted a long fly ball to center field that was tracked down by Chick Stahl for the game-ending out. As the ball settled into Stahl's glove, fans stormed the field wanting to share in Young's feat and offer their hero congratulations. One fan was so overjoyed that he wanted to give Young an instant bonus and slipped money into the pitcher's hands. Once again, the pitching spotlight belonged to Young, but it wouldn't take long before another Boston pitcher stepped into the bright lights of baseball history.

Just over three months had passed since Young gave Boston bragging rights to baseball's first perfect game, when teammate Jesse Tannehill claimed his spot in the pitching record book with his own no-hit performance. Young grabbed front-page headlines with his perfect game, but Tannehill's fans had to settle for the details of his effort in just two columns of the sports pages in *The Boston Globe*. The front-page banner offered readers insight into the launching of the USS Cumberland at the Charlestown Navy Yard.

As the Cumberland sailed out to sea, Tannehill was sinking the hopes of the White Sox as the lefty tantalized Chicago batters with slow curve balls en route to a 6-0 victory on August 17. Tannehill had beaten the same Chicago club two days earlier with a 5-2 victory that was proclaimed to be his best game by reporters. Within 48 hours, the reporters had to revise their thinking as Tannehill held the White Sox to a walk and hit



The man for whom the distinguished Cy Young Award was named pitched two no-hitters for the Red Sox, including the first perfect game in baseball history.

batsman. The only balls put into play that were in question were a shot up the middle that shortstop Parent grabbed behind second base and a line drive knocked down by Tannehill and fielded by second baseman Hobe Ferris who just nipped the runner at first. One Chicago batter, third baseman Lee Tannehill, helped his brother Jesse's cause during the game with an 0-3 day at the plate. As with Young's effort, a small crowd of only 10,500 fans in Chicago witnessed Tannehill's no-hit gem.

Tannehill, who came to Boston in a trade for Long Tom Hughes before the '04 season, was the club's first regular left-handed pitcher in the starting rotation and had two 20-win seasons before being shipped to Washington in 1908. His prize pitching performance came at a good time for Boston as the club was mired in third chasing the second-place White Sox. With a perfect game and no-hitter in the same season, Boston fans were being spoiled by the

team's starting staff. It would take over a year for another pitching masterpiece by a local pitcher.

By September 1905, the Boston entry in the American League had fallen from championship form to fourth place. Fans were disappointed and came to the park in smaller numbers than any year since the club was founded in 1901. The season ground to a slow finish with the club hovering around .500. On September 27, the club was fighting for little more than pride, and only diehard fans came to watch a double-header between the local nine and Chicago. By the ninth inning of the first game, all fans in attendance forgot about the dismal season and focused their attention on the park's pitching mound, as Big Bill Dinneen tried to close out his no-hit bid against the White Sox.

Fans would never have guessed that Dinneen would be in this position late in the ballgame as Big Bill looked more like Wild Bill walking two batters in the first frame and hitting a batter in the second. After escaping without damage, Dinneen found his control and cooled the Chicago lineup with fastballs and sweeping curves. Dinneen's mastery over Chicago was never in doubt the rest of the way, as he easily handled the final three batters in the ninth placing his name into the record books with a 2-0 no-hitter.

Dinneen's effort was the last moment of glory for Boston as the club continued its slide finishing the next three seasons far below the first-place ballclubs. In 1907, the club was officially named the Red Sox, and things started to take a turn for the better during the latter half of the 1908 season. New faces would soon join the team, but one old fixture on the club was ready to have a last hurrah.



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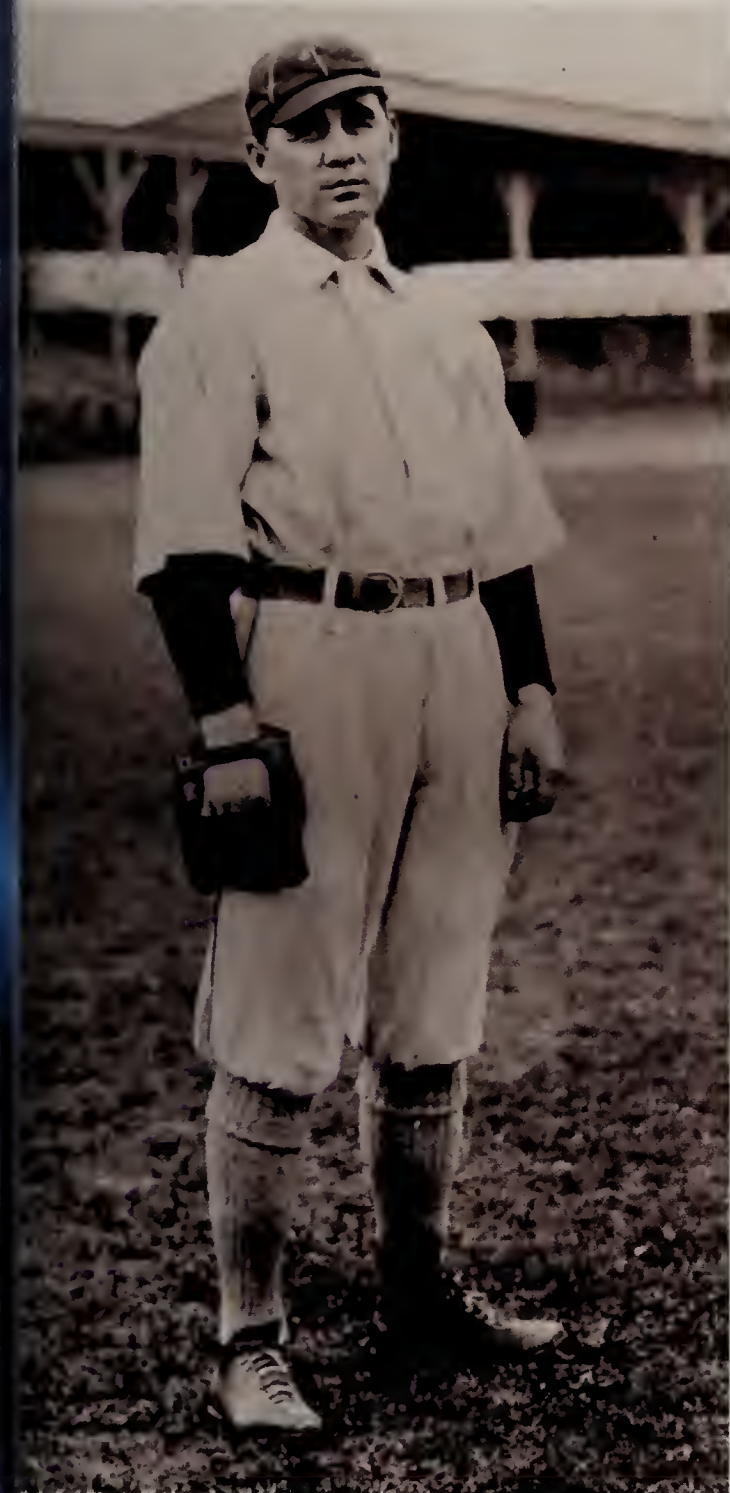


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In addition to his no-hit gem, Jesse Tannehill produced six 20-win seasons during his career.

Young would be sent to Cleveland after the '08 season, but he left behind a remembrance of his glory days in Boston during his final Red Sox campaign. At the age of 41, the master showed his old form during a June 30 game in New York recording his second no-hit performance in a Boston uniform.

Young nearly matched his 1904 perfect outing allowing only a walk to the first batter of the game, Harry Niles. With two outs in the first, Niles was thrown out stealing second, and Young faced the minimum 27 batters in the game on his way to an 8-0 victory. The veteran righthander didn't stop with a supreme effort on the pitcher's mound. With every at-bat, Young turned from pitcher to slugger recording three hits that plated four of Boston's eight runs. As the game moved from early to middle and late innings, New York fans began to realize that they were witnessing something special and cheered every move made by Young. Hilltop Park, New York's home field, had become friendly territory for the Boston pitcher by the ninth inning with the crowd standing and applauding every pitch. As Boston second baseman Amby McConnell threw New York's Joe Lake out at first to end the game and secure Young's no-hit bid, the crowd poured on to the field to congratulate the aging pitcher who had mastered their hometown boys.

Boston fans would have to savor Young's effort as it would be the last no-hitter thrown by a local pitcher for the rest of the decade. The names Young, Tannehill and Dinneen, who gave Boston three no-hitters and one perfect game in five years, soon disappeared from the club's roster along with other Boston heroes. Red Sox owner John Taylor believed his ball club was in need of a change and released or traded the players who had brought glory to the team during the early days of the game. As baseball entered the second decade of the 1900s, Taylor armed his team with younger players who were ready to bring new glories to the club. Over the next 10 years, the Red Sox roster of pitchers who could list a no-hitter on their resume would more than double. ■

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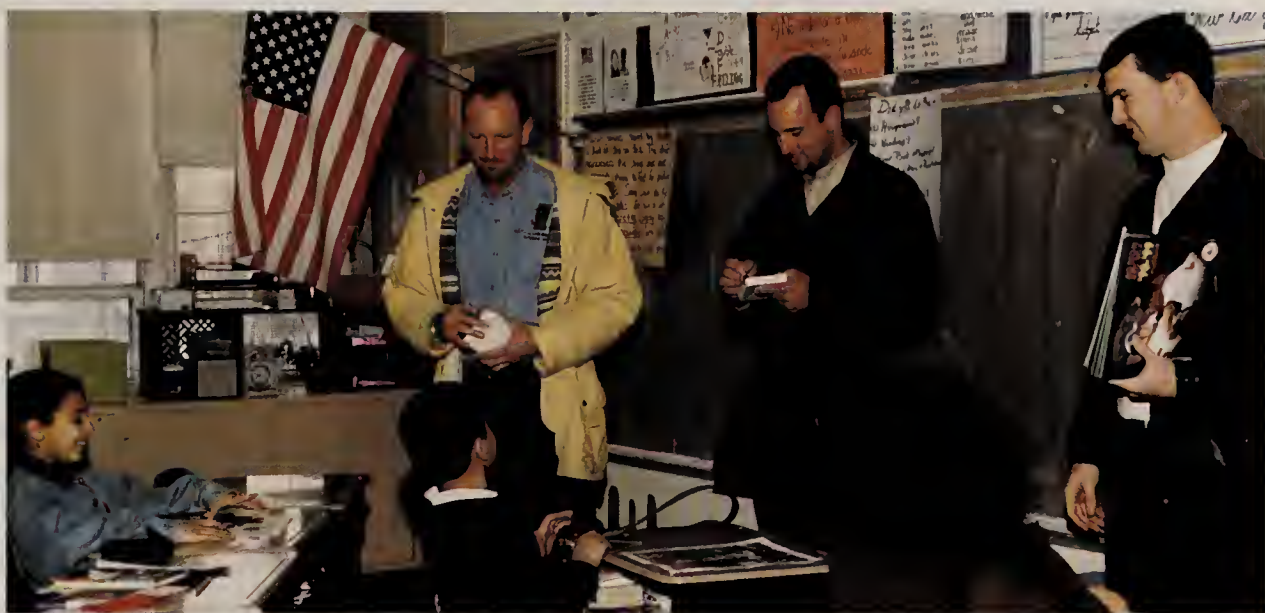
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*The John F. Kennedy School in Jamaica Plain, MA was one of the stops along the caravan route. Bret Saberhagen, Tim Wakefield and Trot Nixon spent time signing autographs and chatting with some of the students.*



*Pedro Martinez enjoyed his return to school for a day.*



*This youngster proudly displayed the cap of her favorite team as she's joined by Donnie Sadler for this photo opportunity!*

*At the Arsenal Mall in Watertown, MA, Wally, the Green Monster, makes a friend of this youngster!*







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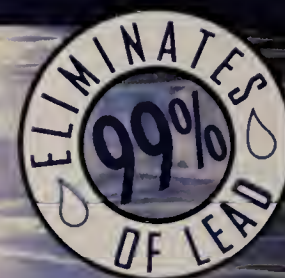
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# RED SOX in the community

ON DECEMBER 10, 1998 the Red Sox hosted their annual Children's Holiday party for a group of inner-city children from Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD). The youngsters enjoyed a buffet meal, as representatives from the Disney Station entertained the youngsters with music and games. Gifts donated by Red Sox employees were distributed by none other than Santa himself with help from a staff of elves. Wally, the Green Monster, captivated all, and Red Sox infielder Lou Merloni dropped by and mingled with the crowd.



ON SEPTEMBER 24, 1998, Red Sox Chief Executive Officer John Harrington was awarded a plaque from the United States Postal Service recognizing his assistance in making the new Lowell Spinners stadium, LeLacheur Park, a reality. Making the presentation to Mr. Harrington, pictured left to right: Ruel Longfellow, customer service manager, USPS Middlesex district; Paul Lanzi, vice president, Middlesex district; (Mr. Harrington); and Butch Connors, safety manager, Middlesex district.





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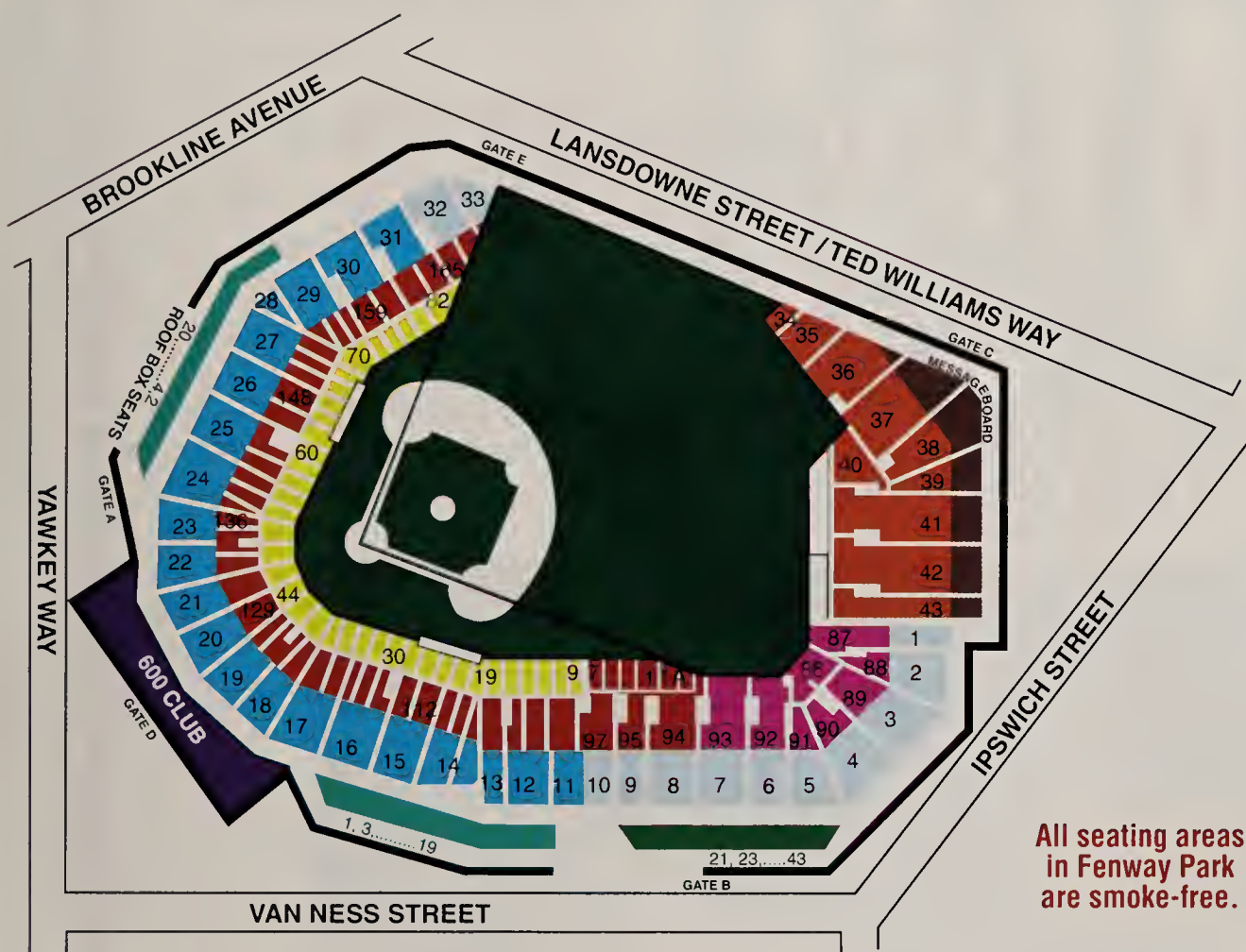


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What stands out in Dick Radatz' memory as he reflects on the 1963 All-Star Game is the fact that he was the first pure relief pitcher to earn all-star status. "I was the first pitcher ever named to an all-star team who had never started a game in the big leagues. I was proud of that distinction then, and I'm still proud of it today."

Radatz recalled walking into the American League locker room in Cleveland's Municipal Stadium and being in awe of the talent assembled. "My locker was next to Mickey Mantle's, and I looked around the room and saw future Hall of Famers like Al Kaline of the Tigers, and Brooks Robinson of the Orioles. I remember saying to myself, 'What am I doing here?' Then I got into the game for the last two innings and struck out five National League all-stars. That was really the first time I realized how important pitching in relief had become."



Dick Radatz was honored by the Red Sox with his induction into the Red Sox Hall of Fame in 1997. Chief Executive Officer John Harrington made the presentations of the plaques to Radatz and fellow honorees in a pre-game ceremony at Fenway in September 1997. Right to left: Harrington, Mel Parnell, Rico Petrocelli, Radatz, Luis Tiant and Carlton Fisk.

# DICK RADATZ

## ALL-STAR MEMORIES OF AN ADOPTED SON OF NEW ENGLAND'S TEAM

### "THE MONSTER"

At 6'6" and 240 pounds, Dick Radatz was known affectionately to his fans as "The Monster." From 1962 to 1965, the sight of Radatz lumbering in from the bullpen to the pitcher's mound struck fear in the hearts and minds of American League batters.

It might be an exaggeration to say that this former Red Sox star invented the role of "stopper" or "closer." But it is no exaggeration to say that while pitching for the Red Sox between 1962 and 1965, Radatz established a standard for relievers that has seldom been equaled.

During this four-year period, Radatz led the American League in saves twice while pitching for teams that never reached the .500 level. His total of 149 wins or saves (see box on page 51) accounted for more than 50% of the Red Sox victories. Adding to this feat is the fact that Radatz was pitching in an era when a reliever had to face the winning or tying run (or pitch two perfect innings) to earn a save. Playing under the liberalized save rules of today, his total would have been even higher.

But raw statistics tell only a fraction of the story. To truly understand how dominant Radatz was in his prime, you need to hear from his contemporaries.

Johnny Pesky has been associated with the Red Sox for over 50 years and managed Radatz in Boston during the 1963 and 1964 seasons. "I have seen all of the great relievers over the years, and I'm here to tell you that Dick Radatz

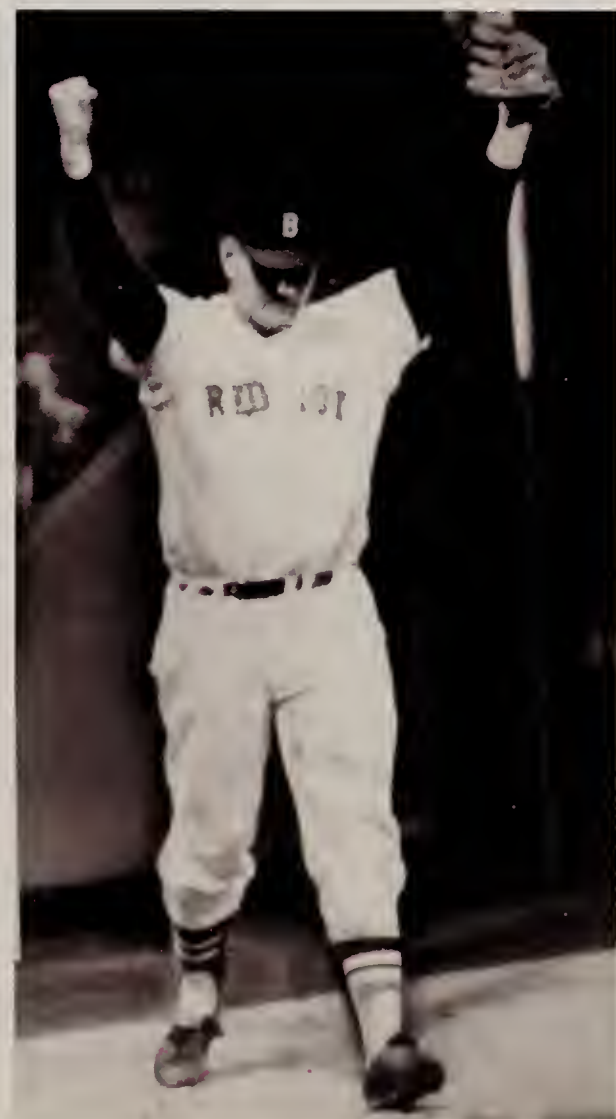


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was as good as any of them. When he was in his prime, he was virtually unhittable. I'll never forget the feeling of standing on the mound at Fenway and watching that guy coming in from the bullpen to save another game. When he took the mound, you felt there was no way you could lose."

Former Red Sox pitcher Gene Conley was a 15-game winner in 1962. "It gave me a great feeling to see that big guy coming in to relieve me. He was as good as any reliever I have ever seen. My only regret is that he didn't come up a year earlier. I might have won more than 11 games in 1961!"

### **MICHIGAN STATE SPARTAN**

Dick Radatz grew up in Berkley, Michigan, a small town just outside of Detroit where he excelled in basketball and baseball during high school. "I was a pretty good pitcher, but to be honest, my first love was basketball. At 6'6" I was a big man for the times, and I could jump pretty good."

Radatz went to Michigan State on a combination basketball-baseball scholarship, and he was the starting center on the freshman team. "I was doing just fine, but in the middle of the season, a player by the name of Johnny Green came out of the service and joined the team. The first time we both went up for a rebound, his hands were so far above mine that I knew my dreams of basketball stardom at Michigan State were over. I didn't feel too badly because he (Green) went on to make All-American, and he had a great career in the NBA with the New York Knicks."

Radatz decided to concentrate on his pitching, and put together a great career with the Spartans. He made All-American in his senior year, and earned his degree in 1959.

The Red Sox signed him upon graduation and assigned him to their Raleigh, NC farm club. Former Red Sox catcher Russ Gibson remembers catching Radatz in his first professional game. "Dick had an unbelievable fastball. He had great control of it, and it just exploded in on the hitters. The hitters couldn't touch him for a few innings. Finally they got a few hits off of

Year	Wins	Saves	Total Wins and Saves	Red Sox Wins	Radatz Wins and Saves as % of Red Sox Wins
<b>1962</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>43%</b>
<b>1963</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>53%</b>
<b>1964</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>63%</b>
<b>1965</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>52%</b>

him, and I figured we would mix it up a little bit. I put down two fingers for the curveball, and Dick shook me off. I gave him the sign again, and he still shook me off.

"Finally I went out to the mound and I said, 'I know you went to college, so you must know that two stands for a curveball.' Dick said, 'I don't have a curveball. Just keep putting down one finger for the fastball, and I'll take care of the rest.' That's what I did, and he just blew them away!"

Radatz did well as a starter in Raleigh, and he continued to excel in 1960 with the Red Sox AAA farm team in Minneapolis. When he reported to spring training in 1961, he was hoping to be a starter for Manager Johnny Pesky in Seattle, the Red Sox top minor league entry.

"My arm was a little sore that spring," Radatz recalled, "and I was holding back, but Pesky finally used me for four innings, and I struck out 11 batters. He came to me after the game and told me they were going to bring me to Seattle, but as a reliever. I said, 'Don't do that to me Johnny. I'm a starter.'"

Pesky has the same memory. "He was all upset that he was going to the bullpen. Of course, this was before the importance of a closer had really caught on. There had been some great relievers like Johnny Murphy with the Yankees, and Jim Konstanty of the Phils, but going to the bullpen was still viewed as a demotion. You know, he really found a home in the bullpen, and he did a lot to define the role of the closer in baseball."

### **THE ULTIMATE STOPPER**

Radatz dominated the Pacific Coast League with Seattle in 1961, and he earned a spot with the major league

team the following season. The 1962 Boston Red Sox finished in eighth place in the American League, but their rookie pitcher led the league in relief wins (9) and saves (24). Manager Mike "Pinky" Higgins often brought him in for the seventh inning of a tight game and left him in to finish the game. In his first season he averaged two innings per appearance in his league-leading 62 games.

When Johnny Pesky took over as the Red Sox manager in 1963 he knew how important Radatz was to the ballclub. "There was one time I had used him six or seven games in a row, so I told him to stay home so I wouldn't be tempted to use him. Darned if he doesn't show up in the middle of the game. We end up going into extra innings, and I can hear him popping fastballs in the bullpen. I finally brought him in for the 13th inning, and, of course, we won the game!"

Radatz recalled the 34th All-Star Game in 1963 with fondness. "The National League had beaten us in 11 of the previous 17 games, and with hitters like Willie Mays, Hank Aaron and Roberto Clemente, they were pretty tough. But we hung in there. Frank Malzone (Red Sox third baseman) singled to drive in a run, and then scored the tying run in the third inning.

"I felt terrific when Manager Ralph Houk brought me in for the top of the 8th. We were only down 4-3, and they had their best hitters coming up, so he showed a lot of confidence in me. As it turned out, I gave up a single to Bill White (future National League president and then St. Louis Cardinals first baseman), and Ron Santo eventually brought him around with a bloop single. But with five strikeouts in two innings, I felt pretty good about my performance. I



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finally realized that relief pitchers were an important part of the game."

The 1963 season also featured Radatz' most memorable moment in baseball. He entered in the 9th inning in relief against the Yankees with the bases loaded, no one out, and the Red Sox clinging to the lead.

"Earl Wilson had pitched a great game to that point, and I told him, 'Crack open a cold one, because I'll be right in. Then I struck out Roger Maris, Mickey Mantle and Elston Howard on 10 pitches. I was so excited, I threw my arms up over my head, and that became my trademark for the rest of my career."

The Red Sox improved one notch in the standings to seventh place in 1963, and Radatz posted 15 relief wins to lead the league, finishing second to Baltimore Orioles relief ace Stu Miller with 25 saves. His 162 strikeouts in 132 innings equaled 1.23 strikeouts for each inning pitched.

It is hard to believe, but Radatz actually improved upon his 1963 statistics the following season. In 1964 he appeared in 79 games, led the major leagues with 29 saves, and won 16 games for an eighth-place Red Sox team. His selection to the 1964 All-Star team was a foregone conclusion.

### 1964 ALL-STAR GAME

The 35th edition of the "Mid-summer Classic" was held at Shea Stadium in New York right next door to the World's Fair. "The game was a big deal that year," Radatz remembered. "We really wanted to take the game back from the National League. Their domination had gone on long enough." That game would turn out to be Dick Radatz' worst baseball memory.

A crowd of over 50,000 was on hand for the festivities, and they cheered every move of former hometown favorite Willie Mays. The American League managed to take the lead 4-3 in the top of the 7th, and American League Manager Ralph Houk brought in Radatz to hold the National League at bay. Radatz proceeded to retire the National Leaguers 1-2-3 in the seventh inning and to duplicate this feat in the eighth inning.

"I felt great that day. I walked Willie Mays to open the inning, but I had two strikes on him, and he fouled off five pitches before I lost him. I remember when he was trotting to first the crowd cheered so hard that I could feel the ground shaking. I thought, 'Boy, this is really exciting!' I was really into it. Then Willie stole second, and Orlando Cepeda singled him in to tie the game. But I was still in control out there. We got a couple of more outs, and then I walked Johnny Edwards (Cincinnati catcher) intentionally. Up steps Johnny Callison of the Phils.

"In those days, they gave a brand new Corvette to the MVP of the All-Star Game. When the inning began, I was all but in the driver's seat of that 'Vette. Well, Johnny Callison turned on my fastball and drove it into the stands for the game-winning home run. The National League had its victory, and Johnny Callison had himself a new Corvette. Years later when I saw Johnny at an old-timers' game, he said, 'Man, I never saw a car back out of one garage and into somebody else's so fast in all my life.'

Despite his All-Star Game disappointment, Radatz picked up where he had left off and finished the 1964 season with his fastball blazing. He ended the year with 181 strikeouts in 157 innings and a sparkling 2.29 earned run average.

### THE LATER YEARS

The following season was a major disappointment for Dick Radatz and for the Red Sox. He did manage nine wins to go with a respectable 22 saves (for a club that won only 62 games) but his earned run average nearly doubled, and the once dominant closer became merely mortal.

After more than 200 appearances and 400 innings during a three-year period, the sense was that Radatz had been burned out. "That wasn't it at all,"



With teammate Don Schwall.

Radatz countered. "The fact is that in spring training I worked hard to develop a sinker to go with my fastball and slider. I wanted a pitch to get the left-handed contact hitters out, and I was sure the sinker was the answer. What happened was I changed the angle of my delivery, and my whole motion was out of whack. The season was almost over before I realized what had happened.

When he got off to a slow start in 1966, the Red Sox traded him in June to the Cleveland Indians for pitchers Lee Stange and Don McMahon. Radatz pitched reasonably well for the Indians, but in the spring of 1967, Cleveland traded him to the Chicago Cubs where he struggled with his control. "Ultimately I went to a psychiatrist who hypnotized me. After that, I threw everything over the plate, which created a different problem," laughed Radatz.

Radatz finished out his major league career with the Montreal Expos in 1969. "My son, Dick, Jr., who was 10 at the time said, 'Dad, do you think we could go fishing?'" All of a sudden it dawned on me that I was missing seeing my family grow up. I knew it was time to quit."

After a successful sales career in the Detroit area, he returned to the Greater Boston area in 1984. "Gerry Moses (former Red Sox catcher) had me come back for a charity fund raiser. I told him that more people recognized me in Boston in one hour than had recognized me in Detroit in 10 years. I always had an

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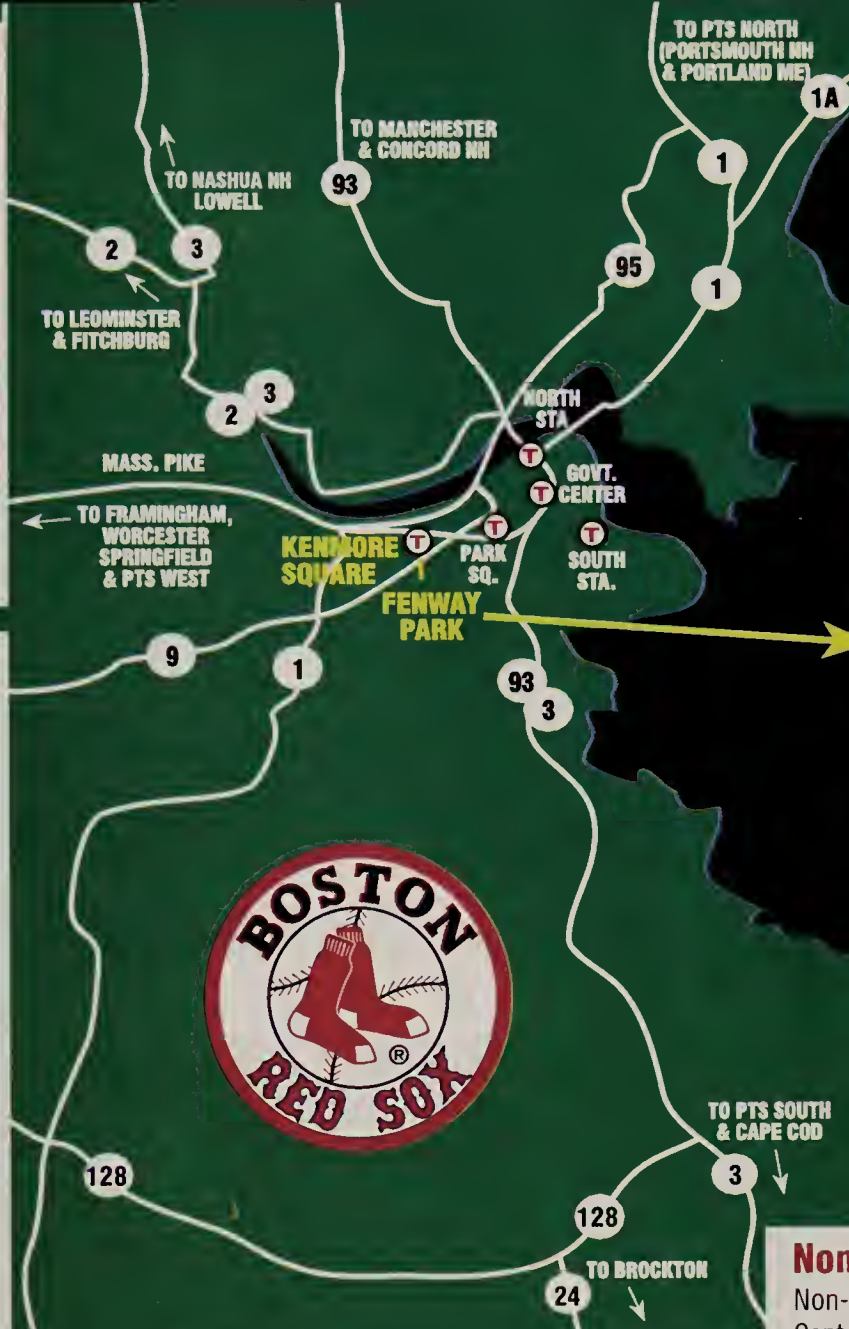
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# KIDS' PAGE

by John Grabowski

## MAKE-A-WORD

Bret Saberhagen was a 15-game winner for the Red Sox in 1998. How many 3-letter English words can you make from the letters of the name

**SABERHAGEN?**

See how high you rate according to the chart below.

5 words.....	Minor leaguer
10 words.....	Major leaguer
15 words.....	All-Star
20 or more words .....	Hall of Famer

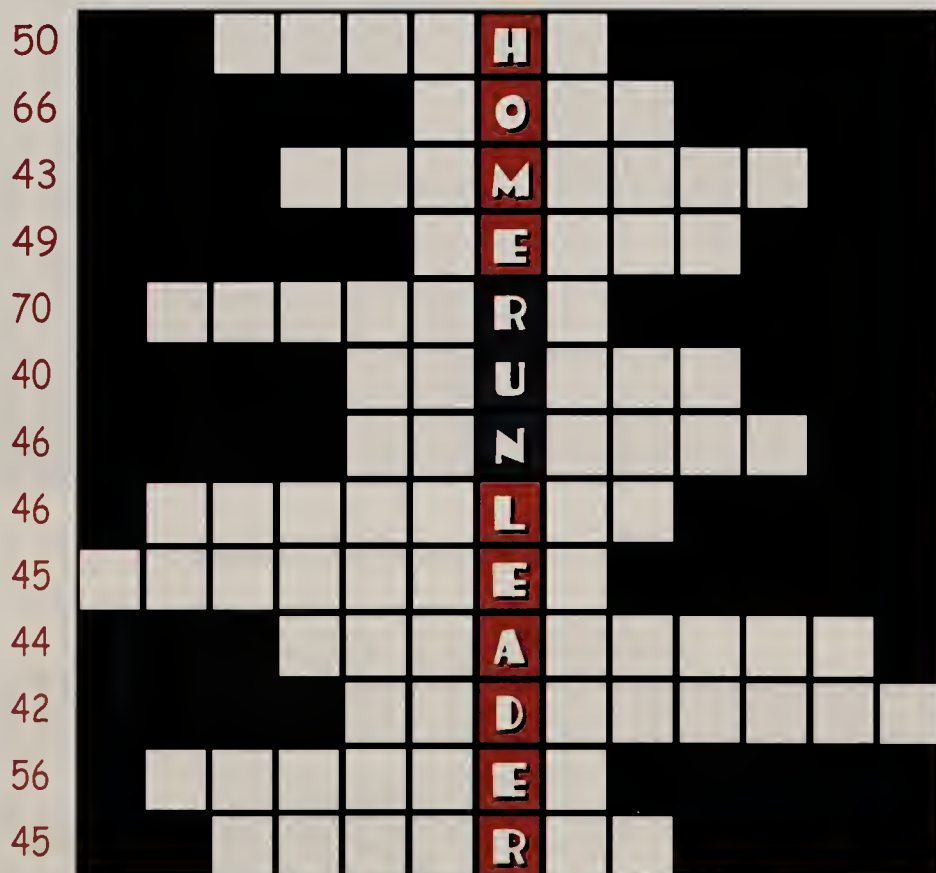
## LET'S GET TWO

Listed below are the last names of 14 players on spring training rosters (one from each American League team). Each last name contains at least one pair of double letters. How many can you identify? (The team is given in parentheses as a hint).

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2. (Baltimore) \_ \_ S S \_ \_ \_
3. (Boston) \_ \_ M M \_ \_ \_
4. (Chicago) \_ \_ M M \_ \_ \_
5. (Cleveland) \_ O O \_ \_ \_
6. (Detroit) \_ \_ F F \_ \_ \_
7. (Kansas City) \_ P P \_ \_ \_
8. (Minnesota) \_ \_ R R \_ \_ \_
9. (New York) \_ \_ D \_ \_
10. (Oakland) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ T T
11. (Seattle) \_ \_ \_ L L \_ \_
12. (Tampa Bay) \_ \_ G G \_
13. (Texas) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ T T
14. (Toronto) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ L L

## LOCATION IS EVERYTHING

1998 was the Year of the Home Run. Listed in the puzzle below are the names of the 13 players who hit 40 or more homers last season. One letter in each name is given to start you off. See how many you can identify. The number of homers hit by the player is given to the left as a hint.



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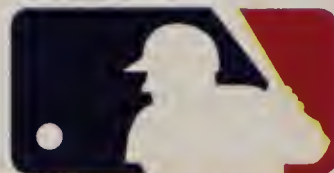
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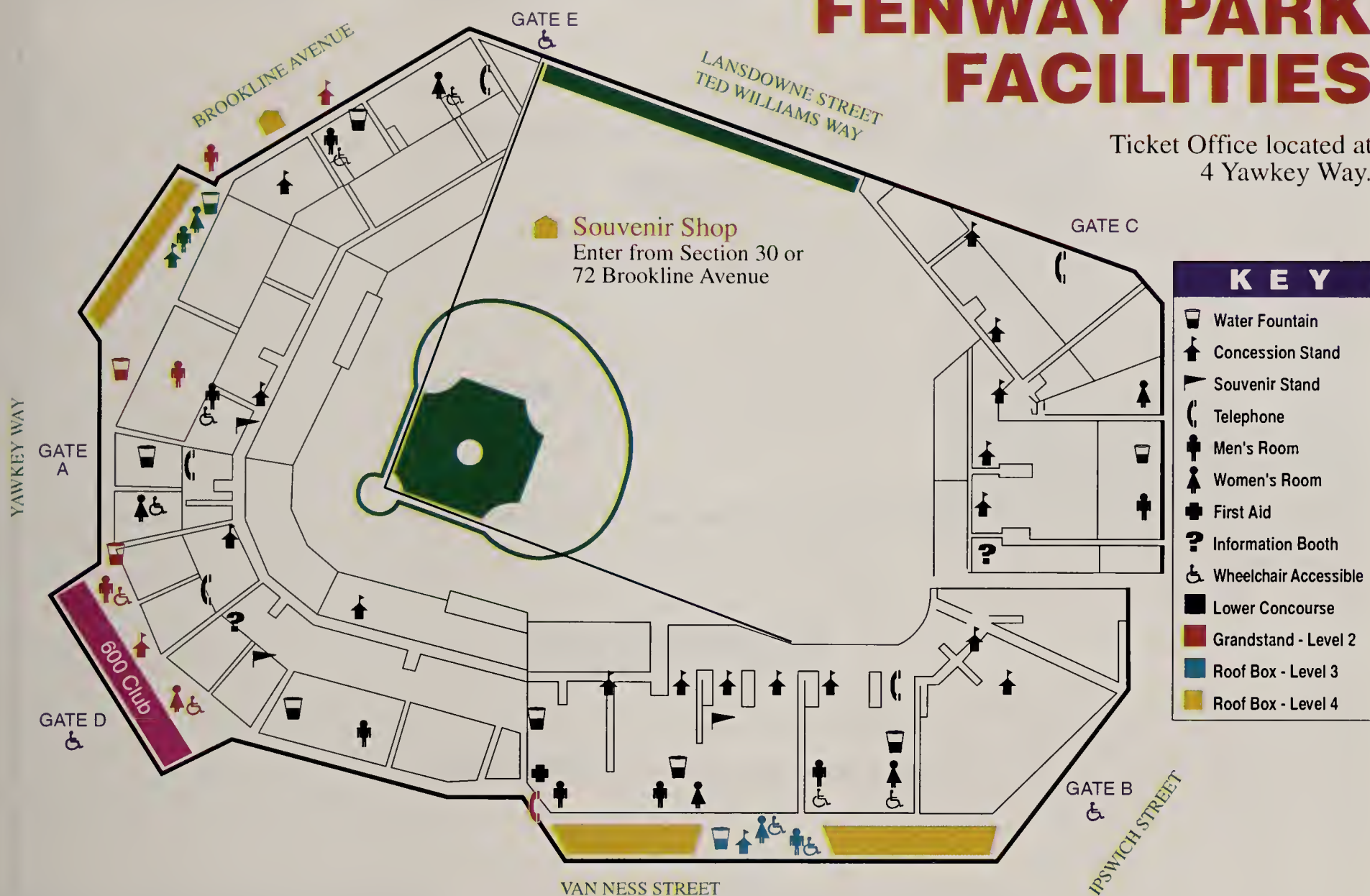


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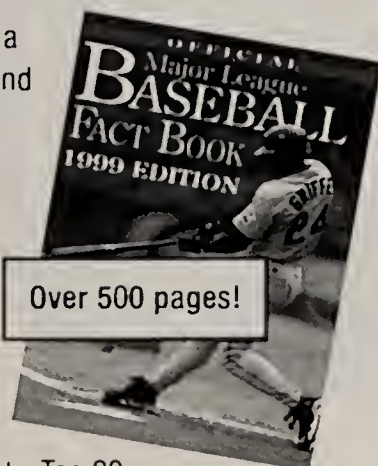
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affinity for Boston and the fans, and they have reciprocated over the years.”

In September 1997, Radatz was recognized by the Red Sox for his outstanding contributions when they inducted him into the Red Sox Hall of Fame at their second Hall of Fame Dinner and Enshrinement Ceremonies.

Radatz is a regular on local TV and radio outlets, and he is a partner in National Pastime Legends which conducts training programs for youth baseball coaches in the area. His son, Dick, Jr. owns and operates a summer collegiate baseball league in the Midwest; his daughter, Leigh, runs a coronary care unit at Mass. General Hospital; and his daughter, Chris, lives back in Michigan and is the mother of his two grandchildren.

Asked if he will reflect on the Johnny Callison 1964 home run when the 1999 All-Star Game comes to Fenway Park in July, he responds, "I used to wake up in the middle of the

night screaming when I would dream about it. Now I laugh about it. I just plan on enjoying this year's game."

If you didn't get to see Radatz in his prime, and you wonder how good he was, consider one fact: Radatz faced New York Yankee great Mickey Mantle 63 times in his career, and struck him out 47 times. In those 63 at-bats, Mantle managed one hit, for a batting average of .016.

In his prime, Dick Radatz was one of the best relief pitchers in the history of baseball. ■

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Radatz at the 1984 Old-Timers' Game at Fenway Park.

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**Please refer to our map on Page 55 for further information and easy access to the ballpark. Thank you!**



## ANSWERS KIDS' Page

## MAKE-A-WORD

AGE, ARE, BAG, BAN, BAR, BEE, BEG, EAR, ERA,  
GAB, GAS, HAG, HAS, HEN, HER, NAB, NEE, NAG,  
RAG, RAH, RAN, SAG (other answers are possible)

## LET'S GET TWO

1. GREENE
2. MUSSINA
3. CUMMINGS
4. SIMMONS
5. GOODEN
6. JEFFERIES
7. APPIER
8. CARRASCO
9. LEDEE
10. CANDIOTTI
11. GUILLEN
12. BOGGS
13. BURKETT
14. QUANTRILL

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### "Scrappers" Book Giveaway

Sat. & Sun., April 24 & 25 at 1:05 p.m.  
Red Sox vs. Cleveland Indians  
All fans age 15 and under will receive the much anticipated baseball adventures book "Scrappers," vol. 1, compliments of Simon & Schuster.



### Sipper Cup Day

Wed. & Thurs., June 16 & 17 at 7:05 p.m.  
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Red Sox vs. Baltimore Orioles  
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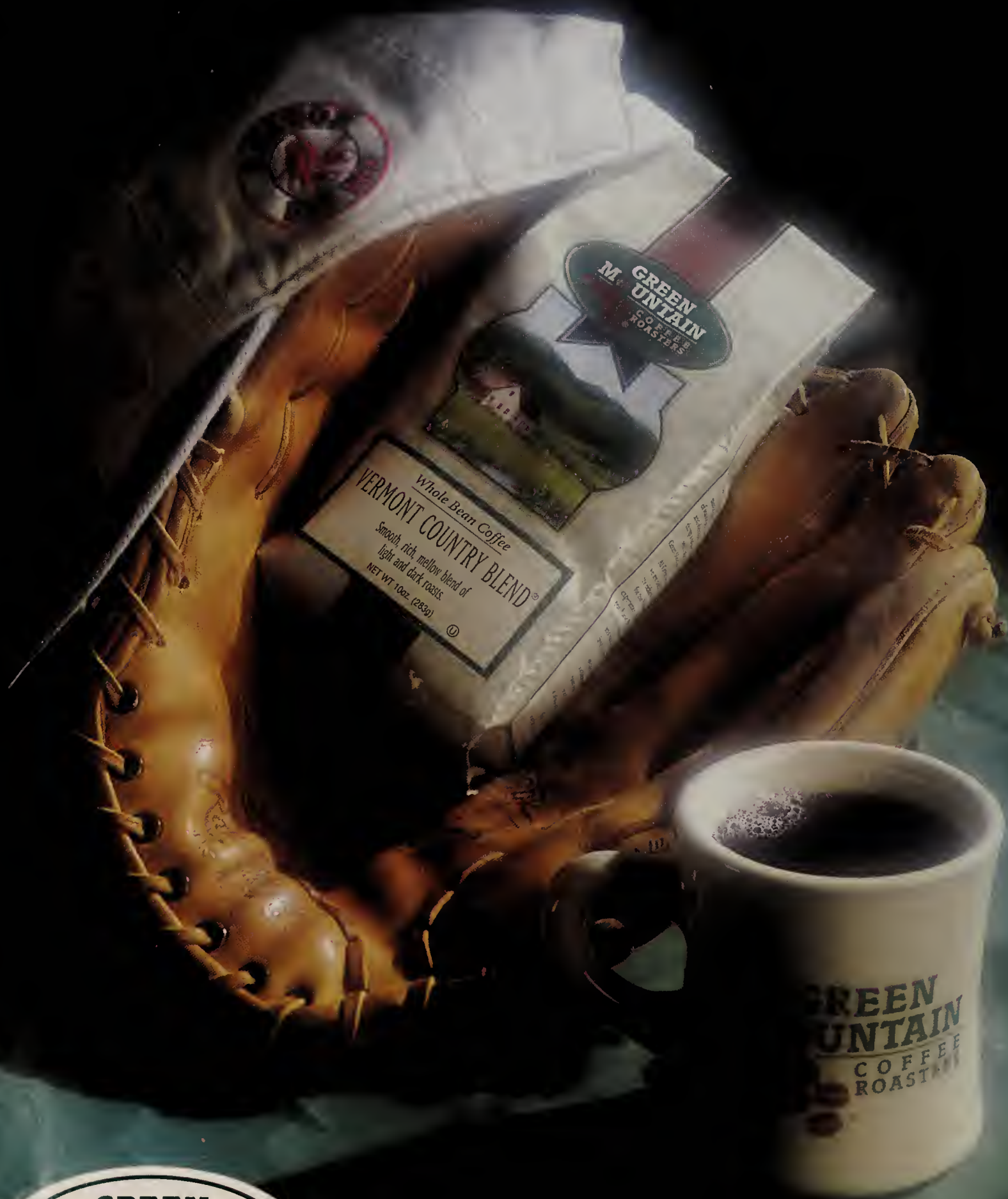
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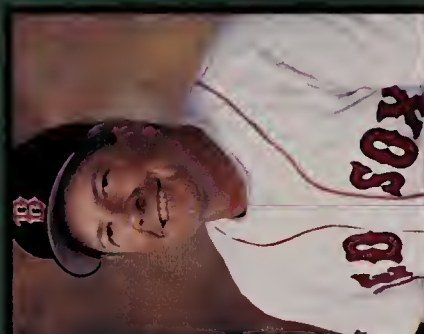
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